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## Woman considered world's oldest dies at 114



A picture taken May 10 at a hospital on the French West Indies island of Saint-Barthelemy shows French former nun Eugenie Blanchard. Blanchard has died at age 114, officials said Thursday.

GUSTAVIA, St. Barts (AP) — Eugenie Blanchard, a nun who was considered the world's oldest person, died in the French Caribbean island of St. Barts on Thursday. She was 114.

Blanchard, who friends called "Sweets" because of her kindness, died at Bruyn Hospital, where she had lived in the geriatric ward since 1980, said hospital director Pierre Nuty.

Her death leaves Eunice G. Sanborn of Jacksonville, Texas, as the world's oldest person, according to two organizations that monitor that status.

Blanchard's cousin Armelle Blanchard told The Associated Press that while her relative could no longer talk, she had seemed to be in relatively good health.

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## Rutgers suicide case poses test for NJ privacy law

New Jersey Sen. Barbara Buono, D-Edison, stands with other lawmakers, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, in Trenton, N.J., as she answers a question about a bill they introduced to toughen the state's anti-bullying laws after the widely publicized suicide of Rutgers University student Tyler Clementi. The bipartisan group of lawmakers touted the 'anti-bullying bill of rights' targeting public schools and colleges.

*(AP Photo/Mel Evans)*

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## Qantas jumbo makes emergency landing



Firefighters surround a Qantas passenger plane which made an emergency landing in Singapore's Changi International Airport after having engine problems on Thursday Nov. 4, 2010 in Singapore.

*Associated Press*

**JULIA ZAPPEI**

**Associated Press**

SINGAPORE (AP) — Qantas grounded all six of its Airbus A380 superjumbos after one blew out an engine Thursday, shooting flames and raining large metal chunks before the world's largest airliner made a safe emergency landing in Singapore with 459 people aboard.

It was most serious midair incident involving the double-decker A380 since it debuted in October 2007 with Singapore Airlines flying it to Sydney — the same route that Qantas flight QF34 was flying when it was stricken over western Indonesia.

Qantas said there had been no explosion, but witnesses aboard the plane and on

the ground reported blasts. Officials in Indonesia said the engine trouble could not have been related to eruptions in recent days of the country's Mount Merapi, some 800 miles (1,300 kilometers) to the east.

After the plane touched down in Singapore, the engine closest to the fuselage on the left wing had visible burn marks and was missing a section of plate that would have been painted with the red kangaroo logo of the airline. The upper part of the left wing also appeared damaged.

One passenger, Rosemary Hegardy, 60, of Sydney, told The Associated Press that she heard two bangs and saw yellow flames from her window.

"There was flames — yellow flames came out, and debris came off. ... You could see black things shooting through the smoke, like bits of debris," she said.

In another seat, Tyler Wooster watched as part of the skin of the wing peeled off, exposing foam and broken wires.

"My whole body just went to jelly and I didn't know what was going to happen as we were going down, if we were going to be OK," Wooster told Australia's Nine Network news.

Hegardy said the pilot informed passengers of the engine trouble and that the plane would have to dump fuel before it could land.

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In this photo taken Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, U.S. Army Col. Kathy Platoni looks at the decorations placed in her yard and on her mailbox by her neighbors to welcome her home from a tour in Afghanistan, in Beaver Creek, Ohio. Col. Platoni was at Fort Hood, Texas, last year when a gunman killed 13 people.

(AP Photo/Al Behrman)

## After Fort Hood, Army unit put grief aside to help

By TODD RICHMOND,

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — On the doors of the U.S. Army Reserve's low-slung offices hang posters that proclaim "Battlemind — Armor For Your Mind."

Building that armor is the Reserve's 467th Combat Stress Control Detachment's specialty. The group of psychologists and social workers helps combat troops cope with everything from weathering domestic squabbles to withstanding a comrade's death in battle.

Over the last year, the healers have had to heal themselves.

The Madison-based 467th had just arrived at Fort Hood to make final preparations for a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. On Nov. 5, 2009, some soldiers from the unit were in the Texas post's medical building getting vaccinations and other tests when witnesses say an Army psychiatrist, Maj. Nidal Hasan, opened fire on his fellow soldiers.

Dozens were wounded and 13 people were killed, including three members of the 467th: Maj. Libardo E. Caraveo, of Woodbridge, Va.; Sgt. Amy Krueger, of Kiel, Wis.; and Capt. Russell G. Seager, of Mount Pleasant, Wis. Six other members were wounded.

Weeks later, the tightly knit unit shipped out to Afghanistan, forcing members to somehow set aside their own grief to wade into others'. The 467th returned home just last week, days ahead

of the shootings' first anniversary on Friday. Many members still haven't come to grips with it.

"This doesn't end in a day or a week or a month or a year," said Col. Kathy Platoni, a unit psychologist from Beavercreek, Ohio. "The whole unit has a broken heart. What happened was inconceivable, (that) such an event could occur on American soil and on an American military installation and our losses would be so much larger than life."

Hasan, who was not a member of the 467th but was supposed to deploy with the unit to Afghanistan, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder. The Army has barred unit members from talking about what happened on Nov. 5 because of the legal proceedings against the American-born Muslim.

Still, in emotional interviews with The Associated Press, several members of the unit described the year that has passed.

Everyone in the unit knew Caraveo, Krueger and Seager, said Sgt. Kara Kortenkamp, a 27-year-old social worker who joined the reserves as a sophomore in college and looked up to Krueger.

The unit's commander, Maj. Laura Suttinger, said the Army focused on the unit's mental state in the weeks between the shooting and deployment, making chaplains and psychologists available. □

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# Prosecutors imply DeLay PAC had funding problems

By JUAN A. LOZANO,  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas – Prosecutors in Tom DeLay's money laundering trial implied to jurors on Thursday that the former House majority leader's political action committee became desperate for donations and focused its efforts on getting corporate dollars, some of which authorities say ended up illegally going to Texas candidates.

DeLay, charged with money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering, is being accused of using his PAC to illegally funnel \$190,000 in corporate donations into Texas legislative races eight years ago. DeLay, who faces up to life in prison if convicted, has denied any wrongdoing.

While questioning Warren Robold, the PAC's fundraiser, prosecutors showed jurors a series of e-mails which indicated that in the weeks leading up to the 2002 elections in Texas, the political group was having great difficulty raising money from individuals donors, the only type of funds that could be given to candidates under Texas law.

In an Aug. 6, 2002 e-mail, John Colyandro, who was the PAC's executive director, wrote to Robold that, "It has become critical now that we bring dollars now."

Other e-mails and documents seemed to show the PAC was focusing more on corporate donations.

"Any news? I need the dollars desperately. Sorry to sound so needy," Colyandro wrote to Robold in a Sept. 16, 2002 e-mail, referencing corporate donations. Robold's job was getting corporate dollars.

"Was there a goal on you to bring more money, more money?" prosecutor Beverly Mathews asked Robold.

"Yes, that was a common theme," Robold responded.

Mathews showed jurors a copy of an announcement for a PAC fundraiser that was held on Aug. 19, 2002 in Houston, with DeLay as the "special guest."

"Your support today will go directly to help Republican candidates in Texas successfully run and win their campaigns," the announcement said.

Mathews told jurors the announcement also stated that corporate checks would be accepted at the event.

Prosecutors allege DeLay and two associates — Colyandro and Jim Ellis — illegally channeled the \$190,000 in corporate money collected by DeLay's Texas PAC, through the Washington-based Republican National Committee. Under Texas law, corporate money cannot be directly used for political campaigns.

The money helped Republicans take control of the Texas House in 2002, prosecutors said. That majority allowed the GOP to push through a congressional redistricting plan engineered by DeLay that sent more Texas Republicans to Congress in 2004 and strengthened DeLay's political stature, prosecutors said.

Robold had been indicted on charges of accepting illegal corporate contributions in connection with the alleged scheme.

When questioned by DeLay's lead attorney, Dick DeGuerin, Robold told jurors the charges were dismissed earlier this year and he is not testifying as part of any agreement.

"I did nothing wrong," Robold told jurors.

Neither Robold nor the nine witnesses who have previously testified for prosecutors have directly tied

FILE - In this Oct. 26, 2010, file photo, Tom DeLay, right, answers questions from members of the media with his attorney, Dick DeGuerin, left, at the Travis County courthouse in Austin, Texas. Opening statements began Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, in the trial of the former U.S. House Majority Leader, who is accused of helping to illegally finance Texas legislative races in 2002.

(AP Photo/Jack Plunkett, File)

DeLay to the alleged scheme. DeGuerin has said DeLay had little involvement in running the group.

Prosecutors deny defense claims that the charges are politically motivated by former Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat who brought the original case but has since retired.

DeLay's defense team also worried about the trial being held in Austin — the most Democratic city in one of the most Republican states. DeLay has been pressing for a trial since he was indicted five years ago, but the case was slowed by appeals of pretrial rulings.

The criminal charges in Texas, as well as a separate federal investigation of DeLay's ties to disgraced former lobbyist Jack Abramoff, ended his 22-year political career representing suburban Houston. The Justice Department ended its federal investigation into DeLay's ties to Abramoff without filing any charges against DeLay. Ellis and Colyandro, who face lesser charges, will be tried later.

DeLay, whose nickname was "the Hammer" for his heavy-handed style, has been mostly out of public view since resigning from Congress, except for an appearance on ABC's hit television show "Dancing With the Stars." □



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# Rutgers suicide case poses test for NJ privacy law

By GEOFF MULVIHILL,  
Associated Press

HADDONFIELD, N.J. — The case of a Rutgers University student who committed suicide after a roommate allegedly used a webcam to spy on his tryst with another man could pose the first legal test of a state privacy law passed in 2003.

Lawyers for the roommate and another student, accused of watching 18-year-old Tyler Clementi “making out with a dude” in his dorm room on the Piscataway campus, insist their clients were the only two people who saw a tame encounter and did not record it.

Prosecutors said, though, that they tried to transmit a “sexual encounter” on the Internet but haven’t said how widely available they believe the video was.

Therein lie the questions: What was the potential audience? What constitutes privacy? What did Clementi know, and why did he believe death was the best option? For the young suspects, the answers could mean the difference between years in prison, 18 months or no time at all.

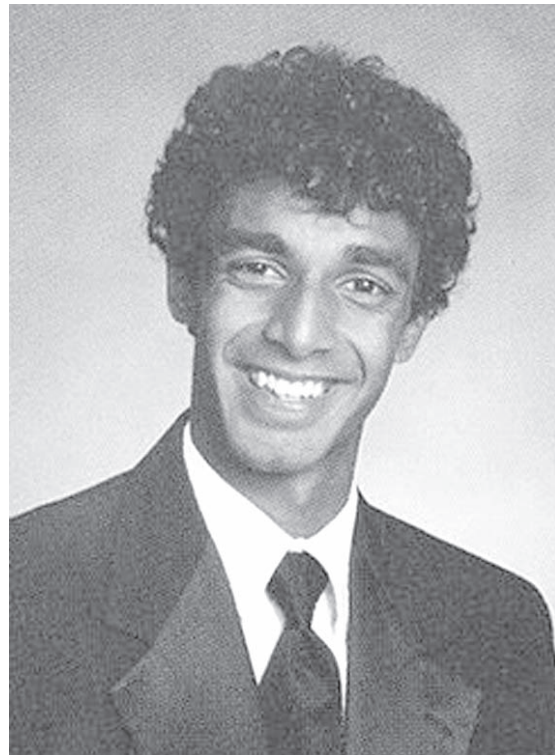
“To prove this case, you’d probably have to have the recording; you’d have to see what’s on it,” Justin Loughry, a Camden lawyer familiar with the privacy law and unconnected to the Rutgers case, said about the difficulty prosecutors could face in arguing for the harshest penalties. “Would it be enough to peek in on someone French kissing? Probably not.”

The case became a national symbol soon after the news broke that Clementi, a freshman just a few weeks into classes at Rutgers, committed suicide by jumping into the Hudson River from the George Washington Bridge.

In the days before his death, authorities said, Dharun Ravi and another student, Molly Wei, watched his encounter with an unidentified man in the room Clementi shared with Ravi.



**FILE - This West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North 2010 yearbook file photos show high school senior Dharun Ravi. Ravi and fellow Rutgers University student Molly Wei, who were both accused of secretly broadcasting a classmate's sexual encounter online, have withdrawn from the school. Attorneys for Wei and Ravi, who were both accused of secretly broadcasting a classmate's sexual encounter online, insist their clients were the only two people who saw a tame encounter and did not record it, The Associated Press reports Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010. The classmate later committed suicide.**



The story came on the heels of a spate of gay teenagers nationwide killing themselves after being bullied — and it quickly took on that mantle. Clementi’s death galvanized efforts to fight suicide and bullying of gay teens. It helped inspire “Wear Purple Day” last month, in which advocates encouraged people to wear the color to protest bullying. Talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and President Barack Obama joined luminaries in recording videos decrying bullying and suicide.

Facebook groups popped up calling for expulsion or long prison sentences for Ravi and Wei. Some groups have suggested hate-crime charges, and Middlesex County prosecutors say they’re evaluating whether the state’s hate-crime law might apply.

To convict someone of a hate crime, a jury must find that someone committed a crime out of a belief that the victim was a member of a protected group, such as a racial or sexual minority. Friends of the suspects have said they held no animosity toward gays.

Their lawyers announced last week that they were withdrawing from Rutgers out of fear for their safety, and followed a few days later with comments that appear to be aimed at getting their clients the lightest penalty possible — but not denying their involvement.

“When the forensic evidence from all the seized computers is revealed, the truth will come out,” Steve Altman, Ravi’s attorney, told the Newark Star-Ledger for Sunday’s editions. “Nothing was transmitted beyond one computer, and what was seen was only viewed for a matter of seconds.”

Rubin Sinins, a lawyer for Wei, said he was “unaware of sexual contact” in the webcam video his client saw. “The statute defining sexual contact refers to nudity and private parts, and, to my knowledge, nothing like that was seen,” he said. “I’m also unaware of any evidence that any video was recorded, reproduced or disseminated in any way.”

Altman has not agreed to an interview with The Associated Press, and Sinins would say only that his client is innocent of any charges.

But experts said the defense they have outlined might not be enough to clear the 18-year-olds.

On Sept. 19, Ravi tweeted: “Roommate asked for room until midnight. I went into molly’s room and turned on my webcam. I saw him making out with a dude. Yay.” Two days later, he said this: “Anyone with iChat, I dare you to video chat me between the hours of 9:30 and 12. Yes, it’s happening again.”

Authorities say Ravi failed in an attempt that time to spy on his roommate.

In a gay-themed chatroom, a poster who appears to have been Clementi said he unplugged Ravi’s computer and searched for hidden cameras before a liaison that night.

The applicable state invasion-of-privacy law, adopted in 2003 as a sex offense, appears to be seldom used. There have been no legal cases in which judges have further interpreted it.

The law differentiates between a third-degree crime, which could carry a five-year prison term, and a fourth-degree crime, punishable by no more than 18 months in prison for first-time

offenders. Prosecutors have not specified which degree Ravi and Wei are charged with.

The less serious fourth-degree crime could be committed if someone who is unauthorized to do so merely observes a sexual act — or in a situation where “reasonable person would know that another may expose intimate parts or may engage in sexual penetration or sexual contact,” Loughry said.

To prove the third-degree crime, though, would be harder. To be convicted someone would have to see nudity or sexual contact — and would have to record it. If the defense lawyers are correct, Loughry said, that could be hard for prosecutors to prove.

No lawsuits have been filed, though Clementi’s parents do have a lawyer. John Bazzurro, a lawyer in West Long Branch, said he believes that Clementi’s family could file a claim for privacy invasion whether or not Wei and Ravi witnessed any sexual contact or disseminated the video.

Sean Morrissey, managing director of Katana Forensics, a computer forensics software firm based in Easton, Md., said that a video session on Apple’s iChat can be between only two parties, and that the video would not be saved.

And while prosecutors have not said how far the video went, it’s possible — but very uncommon — to use “third-party software” from another company to disseminate a live video more widely, Morrissey said.

Bill Dobbs, a longtime New York City gay rights activist, said he worries about “armchair prosecution” as people call for more serious charges against Ravi and Wei without knowing all the facts. But there’s value in the social discussion that has come out of the case, he said.

“The bigger conversation’s very important because that’s part of efforts to get at the truth,” he said. “What actually led to him committing suicide?” □

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# More than 20 tons of pot smuggled in border tunnel

By JULIE WATSON,  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Federal authorities in San Diego have made one of the largest marijuana seizures in the United States, confiscating more than 20 tons of pot that was smuggled into the country through an underground tunnel connecting warehouses on either side of California's border with Mexico, officials said Wednesday.

Mexican authorities seized more than four tons of pot from the warehouse on their side of the border.

The marijuana is worth more than \$20 million if sold on the streets of San Diego, said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton. The bricks of pot were packaged for sale.

"This is obviously the work of a cartel," said Morton, who held a news conference outside the warehouse in an industrial park near the Otay Mesa truck crossing, across from Tijuana.

Officials said the lightening-speed, 12-hour operation started Tuesday night when U.S. authorities watching a warehouse under surveillance followed a tractor-trailer as it left the building.

ICE agents called in the California Highway Patrol, whose officers stopped the rig near Temecula, Calif., about

60 miles away. Authorities say they found 10 tons of marijuana inside the tractor-trailer. The driver, a U.S. citizen, and his Mexican wife were arrested and will be arraigned in San Diego on Thursday.

Authorities quickly obtained a federal search warrant to enter the warehouse, where they discovered 10 to 15 more tons of marijuana, Morton said.

They also found the opening to the tunnel, which ran the length of six football fields under the border and ended at a warehouse in Mexico, Morton said.

The tunnel had lighting, ventilation and a rail system to send loads of illegal drugs into California.

The clandestine passageway was too low to stand up in and was believed to be in operation for only a brief time, Morton said.

Officials said the seizure was the largest ever in California and was believed to be the second-largest in the U.S. The largest amount of marijuana seized by Drug Enforcement Administration agents was in 2008 in Oregon, where 33 tons were found, DEA special agent Ralph W. Partridge said. Wednesday's announcement comes only weeks after Mexican officials made their largest marijuana seizure ever, confiscating a massive 134

tons believed to belong to the powerful Sinaloa cartel.

Morton said officials haven't determined which cartel was running the drug tunnel.

Officials have found 125 underground tunnels along the border built by Mexican drug cartels to elude detection since the early 1990s, ICE officials said. Of those, 75 have been found in the past four years. Many were discovered before they were completed. The majority were found along the California and Arizona borders with Mexico.

Morton credited the increase in tunnel discoveries to "good old-fashioned law enforcement" efforts, with agents keeping a close eye on the thousands of warehouses storing goods moved back and forth across the border.

Morton said such a rapid bust, which came after a monthlong



John Morton, left, the Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement inspects a bundle of marijuana with Joe Garcia, assistant agent in charge for Homeland Security Investigations, at a warehouse along the border between the United States and Mexico where 15 tons of marijuana was seized Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, in San Diego. A 600 yard tunnel was discovered in the warehouse.

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investigation, was possible because of cooperation between U.S. and Mexican authorities. He said that their smuggling businesses to move their loads and forcing cooperation is better than move underground. □



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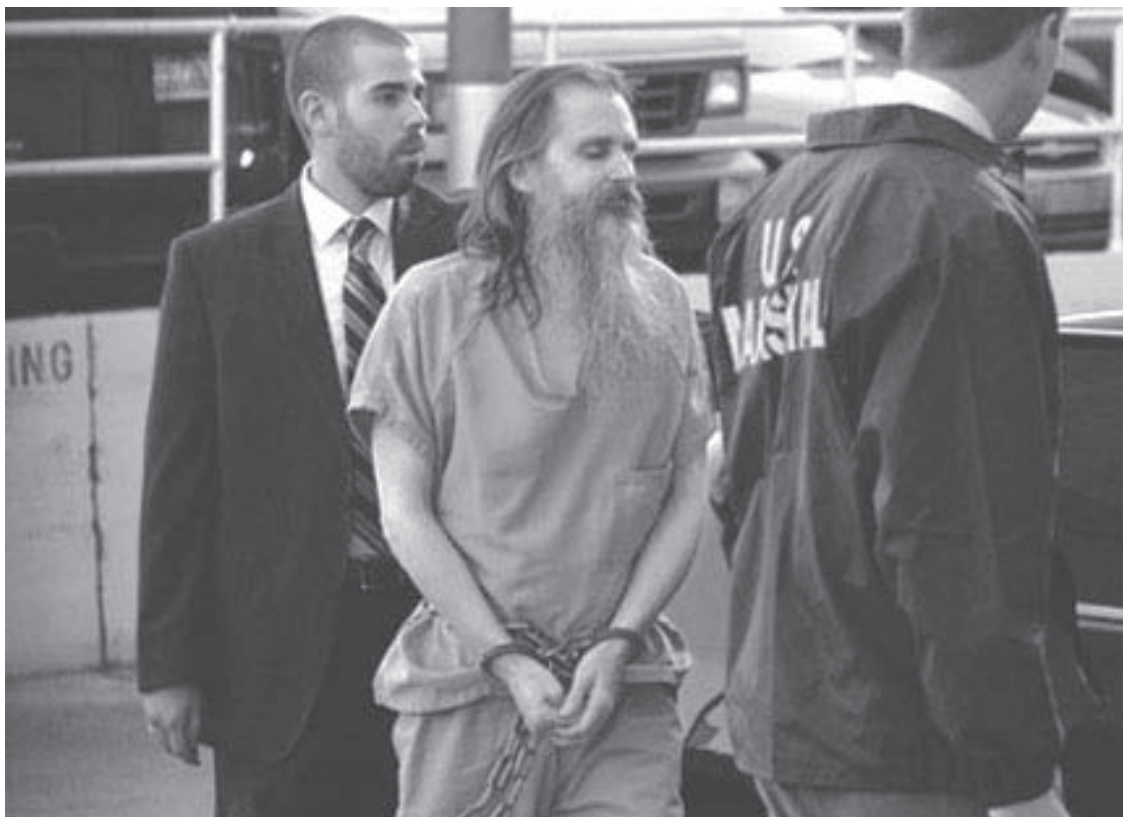
By JENNIFER DOBNER,

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A federal appeals court on Thursday interrupted the trial for the man accused of kidnapping Elizabeth Smart to rule on a defense motion demanding that it be moved out of Utah. A three-judge panel of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver agreed to take up the question of whether Brian David Mitchell can get a fair trial because of publicity his lawyers say has tainted the jury pool.

Appeals court clerk Betsy Shumaker told The Associated Press the trial is on hold pending a ruling by judges Deanell Tacha, Timothy Tymkovich and Jerome Holmes.

U.S. District Judge Dale Kimball interrupted opening statements in the Salt Lake City and sent home the jurors that he impaneled only about



Brian David Mitchell, center, is escorted into the Frank E. Moss Federal Courthouse Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, in Salt Lake City. A federal judge is expected to empanel a jury and hear opening arguments in the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping trial. Mitchell's trial on kidnapping and unlawful transportation of a minor charges began Monday in Salt Lake City's U.S. District Court. The trial is expected to last at least five weeks.

her sister Mary Katherine, who was sleeping in the same bed with Elizabeth when she was taken at knifepoint, were at the courthouse and prepared to testify Thursday.

Elizabeth Smart will also give a lengthy, detailed testimony about her abduction, the alleged sexual abuses she suffered during nine months of captivity and about the threats she says Mitchell made on her life and her family, federal prosecutors Felice John Viti said Thursday.

If convicted, Mitchell could spend the rest of his life in prison.

Smart was 14 when she was snatched from her bedroom in June 2002. She was found with Mitchell nine months later.

He was accused of slicing through a kitchen window screen with a knife and whisking away the young girl in the middle of the night.

Federal prosecutors took over the case after state proceedings were stalled by questions about Mitchell's mental health. He was diagnosed with a delusional disorder and deemed incompetent to stand trial.

A state judge rejected a request to force Mitchell to be treated with medications, saying she didn't believe the drugs would work. The ruling left Mitchell incarcerated in the state hospital, where he had refused treatment.

But Kimball ruled Mitchell was competent to stand trial in March. His attorneys have said they were prepared to claim Mitchell was insane at the time of the abduction. □

## Man sentenced to life for NJ schoolyard killings

By SAMANTHA HENRY,

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — A man who admitted pulling the trigger in the execution-style killings of three college students in a schoolyard was sentenced Thursday to three consecutive life terms in a case that jolted New Jersey's largest city into dealing with its crime problem.

Melvin Jovel pleaded guilty to murder, attempted murder and weapons charges days before his trial was to begin in September. Prosecutors said 21-year-old Jovel and five other young men lined up Iofemi Hightower and Dashon Harvey, both 20, and 18-year-old Terrance Aerial, against a schoolyard wall in Newark and shot each of them in the back of the head on a summer night in 2007.

A fourth victim survived and testified at the

first trial in the case that she was sexually assaulted, slashed with a machete and shot in the head.

She also spoke in court Thursday, thanking Jovel for "allowing me to get closer to Christ" before chastising him for refusing to look at her as she spoke.

"You and your homies had a plan for me, you wanted me dead — but I'm still here," said the woman, who is not being identified by The Associated Press because of the sexual assault charges. "Have fun living your fancy life in jail," she added.

Jovel, wearing dark green prison scrubs and translation headphones, stared straight ahead throughout the proceedings, making only a brief statement in Spanish before his sentencing. □

(AP Photo/Jim Urquhart)

an hour earlier.

"I'm of course very unhappy about this," Kimball told the jury of nine men and five women, before apologizing and releasing them for the day.

"I have to do what the 10th Circuit says. I don't know what they'll do when they consider it, but for today we're in recess for this matter. I'm very sorry."

News of the appeals court's decision came just as Mitchell's defense attorney, Parker Douglas, had begun his opening remarks. It was unclear how quickly the court might rule or when the trial might resume.

Elizabeth Smart's mother and



# LOCAL Aruba TODAY

## Woman considered world's oldest dies in at 114

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"When you talked to her, she would smile," the cousin said. "We don't know if she understood us."

Blanchard was born on St. Barts on Feb. 16, 1896, and lived much of her life in a convent in the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao before returning home in the 1950s. She was the last survivor of a family of 13 brothers and sisters. Blanchard worked hard from an early age, her cousin recalled.

"At that time, life was very hard in St. Barts," she said. "She tended the garden and took care of the animals."

Blanchard arrived at Curacao's Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of Roosendaal in May 1923 and stayed until August 1955, said Sister Marietta, a nun in Curacao who met Blanchard just before she returned to St. Barts.

Blanchard, who was known as Sister Cyria, likely worked in the kitchen, she told the AP.

"I always saw her there. She was a very affectionate person," Sister Marietta said.

After returning from Curacao, Blanchard lived in a quaint house in the Merlette district with a cat as her only companion, her cousin said.

France's Junior Minister for Senior Citizens, Nora Berra, said Blanchard devoted her life to God and to others.

"Eugenie Blanchard, who dedicated herself to help those who are most fragile, was a lovely and generous example of France," Berra said in a statement.

Blanchard became the world's oldest person after Kama Chinen of Japan died a week before her 115th birthday, according to the Gerontology Research Group, which tracks people of extremely old age. Guinness Records also recognized Blanchard as the world's oldest person.

Both the Los Angeles-based Gerontology Research Group and London-based Guinness Records say Sanborn is now believed to be the oldest living person. She was born July 20, 1896, in Louisiana. Blanchard's birth date was Feb. 16, 1896.

Dr. L. Stephen Coles of Gerontology Research told the AP he spoke to Sanborn's family Thursday and "she's doing well."

Sanborn told the Tyler Morning Telegraph in an April interview that she loves everything about her life and has "no complaints." □



## Megaplex 8 @ Palm Beach Plaza Open

PALM BEACH – True to its promise to become Aruba's favorite entertainment center, the Palm Beach Plaza is pleased to announce its Megaplex 8 open to the public with a fabulous line up of great new movies, playing the week of November 4th to 11th, including: Secretariat, Red, Megamind: 3D, For Colored Girls, Jackass 3: 3D, Paranormal Activity 2, and Life As We Know It.

Located in the plaza's second level, the luxurious 8-theater facility boasts small, medium and large auditoriums, jointly offering more than 1,400 seats. The theater is especially child-friendly, as baby-booster seats are available for young moviegoers, and kid ticket prices are offered at a reduced rate.

The stylish lobby entrance of the Megaplex 8 reflects the logo design of the Palm Beach Plaza, decorated with oversize ornamental palm trees with red, green and blue recessed LED lighting and attractive directional signs by Dimensional Innovations, in

Kansas City.

The theater seats, in dark blue velour, enjoy a high-backed reclining, bucket-seat design, with cup holders and wide arm rests, to guarantee ticket-holders optimum comfort.

The theaters are all handicap-

friendly, allowing special easy-access to wheelchair-bound patrons and the ambient light adds to the excitement of anticipation before the show, as members of the audience get settled in their inviting chairs.

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# Megaplex 8 @ Palm Beach Plaza Open



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When the lights go off the digital surround-sound takes the sensory experience over, paired with digital motion-picture technology of the state of the art projection room. And movie-goers will be pleased to know that the Megaplex 8 smallest screen is 32 ft wide x 16 ft tall! Two of the Megaplex 8 auditoriums, are equipped



with 3D capabilities. To complement the movie experience, the Megaplex 8 offers a nicely stocked concession stand carrying refreshments, a deli assortment, hand rolled

sushi & home baked pastries besides popular cinema-food, such as popcorn, hotdogs and candy. The Megaplex 8 lobby includes a game room arcade and a cheerful room for birthday parties, decorated by local artist Timothy Charles who created its giant 360 degree Under the Sea mural. With 354 easily accessible, ground level parking spaces, and nicely lit walking lanes to and from the hotel strip, the complex sixty-plus classy retail outlets deliver the most variety, for extended opening hours, making the Palm Beach Plaza a premier attraction, second only to



Aruba's beaches. The Megaplex 8 is a franchise of Caribbean Cinemas which operates 1,100 screens in the Caribbean in 52

movie-theater complexes. The facility will employ 32 locals, creating 32 new jobs! As our photos show, the opening was well attended by press members, tenants of the Palm Beach Plaza and



dignitaries. The ribbon cutting was honored by the Minister of Justice, Arthur Dowers and the owners of Caribbean Cinemas Robert Carrady and his sister Lorraine Carrady, from Puerto Rico. Local businessman

Ash Ramshandani welcomed guests to the Megaplex 8 opening on behalf of the developers and investors, thanking his staff and the technical crew for putting together a state of the art facility in record time. He later

joined Robert Carrady for the presentation of a charity check to Imeldahof, children's home. After the ribbon cutting guests were invited to stock up on fresh popcorn and drinks and go watch a movie, no charge for the night!! ☐



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# Super offer at Papillon Restaurant for lovers of smoked eel



PALM BEACH - Smoked eel is a delicacy that will make many a Dutchman's mouth water; the conger eels have a fantastic taste eels are they ready to be served on toast and savored at Papillon Restaurant in The Village across from the Radisson Resort. Pleasing as many clients as possible, the restaurant has a super offer: a free glass of wine when the eels are ordered by a couple as an appetizer or as a main course.

The eels are a splendid addition to the menu of the

restaurant, which is now also offering a wide variety of game. The game season in Europe runs from October 15 until Christmas.

Much of the European eel's life history has remained a mystery for centuries, as fishermen could never catch anything they could identify as a young eel. Questions still remain, although they are believed to spawn when they are mature adults of 5 to 20 years old. Afterwards the eels die. The larvae drift in migration and metamorphose into so-called glass

eels before they become elvers and yellow eels; later in life they get a silvery color.

Smoked eels are delicious to the Dutch, who are well-known for their specific, some say idiosyncratic, marine delicacies. Just think about their raw herrings with chopped onions. To the English it is the jellied eels of East London that have gained fame.

For those who have never tried smoked eel, this is your chance. Come on, be bold and daring and become a fan of the smoked eel. □

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## A Passionate Encounter at Passions on the Beach Restaurant



EAGLE BEACH - Amsterdam Manor's beach front restaurant Passions on the Beach will be the elegant place of action on Monday, November 15, when 'A Passionate Encounter' will take place. A three-course menu has been created by chef Marc Giesbers, who had the image of 'feet in the sand, heads in the

clouds' fueling his inspiration. The passionate encounter that has been envisioned is the subtle, intriguing interaction between wonderful dishes and superb Californian wines, mixing and matching, delighting and enhancing. Starting the week off with a swell evening is the idea behind

A Passionate Encounter on a Monday. An amuse-bouche has been chosen of a pastry cone with yellow fin tuna tartar, mango chutney and seaweed salad, to which a Napa Valley Silverado Vineyards Miller Ranch Sauvignon Blanc is poured. The appetizer consists of Dutch steamed mussels with five spices and a creole remoulade sauce. A Schug Carneros Estate Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast, is sure to bring out the best of each separate, delicate flavor in this unusual and daring pairing.

The main course is titled Ras el Hanout: spiced marinated rack of lamb, accompanied with dried fruits cous-cous and pistachio; an Estate grown Silverado Vineyards Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2006, has been selected for this fabulous course. Dessert is going to be stunning: pear and raisins in a puff pastry with honey and a gorgonzola mousse. The wine that is poured is super special: a 2003 Silverado Limited Late Harvest dessert wine that is universally regarded as truly outstanding. Silverado Vineyards is located in the world famous Stags Leap district in legendary



Napa Valley; the 1972 winery can boast of a selection of award winning wines crafted from estate-grown grapes. Considered one of the best vineyards in the Napa Valley, Silverado produces outstanding wines, as can be sampled during the upcoming dinner at Passions Restaurant. Silverado's general manager Russ Weiss will be present during the dinner; the Arion Wine Company is Silverado's

official representative. The 'passionate' evening will start with a sunset cocktail reception at 18.15 hrs. As the sun is setting, which is estimated to take place at 18.30 hrs., a toast will be made to 'Passions on the Beach Restaurant', 'Passions' in life and this 'Passion-ate encounter' and man amuse will be served. Guests are seated on the beach at 19.00 hrs. and the three-course winner will commence. □



# Marjorie & Donald Kimball honored at the Divi Village Resort



## RESULTS BRIDGE SESSIONS ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA

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  - 6 Liesbeth van den Ham / Annette Ybeles 51.25 %
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- Addy Eilers / Willem Jacobusse 59.03 %
- 3 Kathy Yarzagaray / Carola Pinxter 56.25 %
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Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the

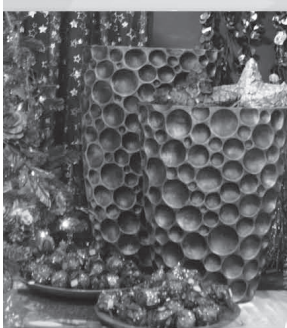
Aruba Beach Club Resort, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar, starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person. The club can also be of assistance in finding single players a bridge partner.

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ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Divi Village Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of

Goodwill title. The recent honoring was effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Divi Village Resort, where they call their home away from home. Marjorie & Donald Kimball were honored as Ambassadors of Goodwill for the Island of Aruba.

Pictured: ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with Gloria and also honorees at the Divi Village Resort. □



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# United Kingdom: Israeli officials shouldn't fear arrest

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli officials should not fear arrest warrants initiated by pro-Palestinian activists when they travel to Britain on official business, British Foreign Secretary William Hague said Thursday.

Hague's comments sought to reassure Israeli leaders after they suspended an annual strategic meeting in Britain last month due to fears they could be arrested under the principle of "universal jurisdiction."

Pro-Palestinian activists in

Britain have sought the arrest of Israeli officials under the principle, which allows courts to prosecute alleged war crimes from elsewhere in the world.

No cases have gone ahead, but Israeli officials have canceled trips due to arrest fears. The issue has caused tension between the two countries.

Hague said officials traveling to Britain will not face arrest. "We are quite clear that there is no problem in any official traveling to London," Hague told Israeli channel 10 TV.

A spokesman for the



British Foreign Secretary William Hague, right, shakes hands with his Israeli counterpart Avigdor Lieberman after signing an agreement which will increase cooperation between the two countries' film industries, in Jerusalem, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. Israel announced Wednesday that it has suspended a special strategic dialogue with Britain to protest repeated attempts by pro-Palestinian activists to arrest Israeli dignitaries on war crimes charges during visits to the United Kingdom. The announcement came as Hague was meeting with senior Israeli officials in Jerusalem and senior Palestinian officials in Ramallah on Wednesday.

Associated Press

## Costa Rica landslides kills 20, several missing

MARIANELA JIMENEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO DE ESCAZU, Costa Rica (AP) — A rain-sodden hillside collapsed on homes in a suburb of Costa Rica's capital early Thursday, killing at least 20 people, many as they slept.

Dozens of rescuers, some using dogs, were searching for survivors as an undetermined number of people remain missing. But so far they have found only corpses, including the body of a child, according to Hector Blanco, a Red Cross spokesman. They have not yet been identified.

President Laura Chinchilla said at least 20 bodies had been pulled out the debris by mid-afternoon, including four minors. The landslide in the suburb San Antonio followed two days of heavy rains that flooded a river near the town and sent 1,500 people to shelters across Costa Rica.

The government declared the country in red alert, the highest level. Chinchilla said the government has 7 billion colones (\$14 million) available for relief efforts. The San Antonio area received 6.3 inches of rain in just two hours Wednesday,

according to Costa Rica's Meteorological Institute.

Rodrigo Araya, born and raised in San Antonio, about 10 miles from San Jose, said he awoke to what sounded like a plane landing.

"You could hear people asking for help but could not see anything," said Araya, 50.

"I know 20 families lived there together. Some were very poor and had settled near the banks of the river," said Flory Quintero, who lives nearby. "When it happened, it sounded like a turbine."

The outlook Thursday was bleak: the road was covered with stones and branches swept by the currents, Blanco said. There were piles of boulders 10 feet high.

Relatives arrived with shovels to help but most were turned away because of the danger of another landslide.

Many roads were flooded or blocked by landslides across Costa Rica, and schools nationwide were closed.

At least 200 homes were underwater in Parrita, a town in the central Pacific region, which received more than 13 inches of rain Wednesday. A bridge leading into the town was destroyed. □

British Foreign Office said Hague's comments did not reflect a change in British law regarding universal jurisdiction, but sought to clarify that officials on state business are immune to arrest.

Speaking on condition of anonymity under departmental protocol, he said the government intends to amend the law so special interest groups cannot misuse it in ways that damage Britain's foreign relations.

"We are acting to correct it and everyone should well know by now," Hague said. "We will do that, but we will do it in our own way, to our own timetable."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement after meeting Hague that he welcomes the "explicit commitment by the British government to amend the law regarding universal jurisdiction."

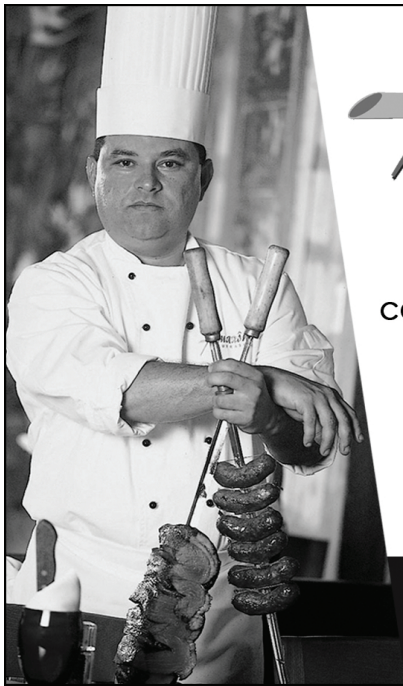
Israeli officials said Wednesday they had suspended their "Strategic Dialogue" meeting with London as long as Israeli officials visiting Britain faced possible arrest.

On Thursday, however, an official said the annual meeting will be relocated to Israel this year to avoid the

threat of arrest. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue and did not give a date for the meeting.

Pro-Palestinian activists have used universal jurisdiction to pursue past and current Israeli officials linked to military operations targeting Palestinian militants that have killed civilians. Deputy Prime Minister Dan Meridor canceled a trip to London this week, fearing arrest, and former Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni canceled a trip to Britain earlier this year. Last year, Palestinian activists tried unsuccessfully to have Defense Minister Ehud Barak arrested during a visit to Britain. When Britain's new Conservative-led government took office in May, Hague promised to "act speedily" to clarify the law. Speaking in Cairo after meeting Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit, Hague said amending the law will facilitate British diplomacy and permit Britain to pursue criminals. "The international laws of universal jurisdiction will continue to apply in the U.K.," he said. "If a war criminal sets foot in the United Kingdom, they will still be arrested." □





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# Serbian president apologizes for wartime massacre

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**Associated Press**

VUKOVAR, Croatia (AP) — Serbian President Boris Tadic apologized Thursday at the site where more than 200 Croats were massacred, offering the strongest condemnation to date by a leader from Serbia of wartime atrocities committed by the country.

Laying a wreath at Ovcara, a former pig farm where a mass grave remains a painful symbol for Croats of Serb brutality during the 1991 ethnic war, Tadic said he came to “bow down before the victims.”

“By acknowledging the crime, by apologizing and regretting, we are opening the way for forgiveness and reconciliation,” Tadic said.

A few hours later, Croatian counterpart Ivo Josipovic laid a wreath at the graveyard of 18 Serbs killed by Croats in 1991 in a nearby village of Paulin Dvor and Josipovic said that “those who are left behind those victims deserve our apology.”

“A crime has no justification; revenge cannot be justified by a crime,” Josipovic said. The slaying in Paulin Dvor came a month after the massacre at Ovcara.

Though relations between the neighbors have vastly improved, the two presidents’ joint tour of the killing sites and apologies offer a symbolic step of reconciliation after years of mutual accusations over atrocities. Tadic is the first Serb leader to visit Ovcara, the site of one of the

worst massacres of the Balkan conflicts that followed the post-communism breakup of Yugoslavia.

Accompanied by Josipovic, Tadic said the two of them visited the site near the eastern Croatian town of Vukovar “to create the possibility that Croats and Serbs can turn a new page of history.”

More than 200 Croats were executed at Ovcara after Serb soldiers dragged them out of a local hospital.

Josipovic said the two were there to show that “a different policy, one of cooperation and friendship is possible” between the two nations.

Vukovar was leveled by Serb bombardment in November 1991, after a three-month siege, leaving hundreds dead and forcing even more to flee their homes. Some in Croatia oppose Tadic’s visit, saying he should have first admitted that Serbs were aggressors in the war. Several members of the small Croatian Party of Rights gathered in Vukovar carrying banners saying: “Apology, Not Regret” and “You’re Not Welcome.”

Several mothers of those killed in Vukovar came to Ovcara and turned their backs on Tadic as he spoke.

The two presidents will also lay wreaths for 18 Serbs killed by Croats in a nearby village. Serbia backed Croatian Serbs when they rebelled against the country’s independence from Yugoslavia, which triggered the war. The rebels seized a third of the country, and more than 10,000 people were killed and entire communities

expelled.

Four years later, Zagreb took back the territory in a blitz offensive, followed by a period of killings and purges of Serbs by Croats.

The two neighbors have since largely patched up relations, but tensions persist and each nation still sees itself as the chief victim of the war. They have sued each other for genocide before The Hague-based World Court and nearly 2,400 people remain missing. Cooperation between Croatia and Serbia is vital to stability in the Balkans, but it is also a key condition for the entry into the European Union, which both are seeking. Josipovic and Tadic, who belong to a younger generation of politicians not involved in the war, have each made steps to reconcile.

Josipovic declared Croat wartime killings “a shame that cannot be washed out.” Tadic had earlier regretted Serb atrocities.

Nikola Tarle, a Croatian war veteran, told The Associated Press Television that he wants “to remember certain things, but we can’t live in the past. We have to look into the future.”

The U.N. war crimes court convicted two Serbian officers for aiding and abetting the Ovcara killings and Serbia has sentenced 13 Serbs to prison terms for carrying it out. Croatia convicted one of its soldiers for slaying 18 Serb civilians in Paulin Dvor in Dec. 1991.

Meanwhile, 14 young people from Vukovar, Zagreb and



Serbian President Boris Tadic pays respect at a pig farm Ovcara where more than 200 Croats dragged out of a local hospital were slain by Serbs when they seized Vukovar, eastern Croatia, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010. Tadic became his country’s first leader to come to Vukovar since the 1991 war, when Serbs’ relentless bombardment leveled the town to the ground, leaving scores of Croats dead and forcing others out.

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Belgrade — connected Zagreb, said they wanted through NGOs and Facebook to show that “young people — gathered in Vukovar. One want and can build a future of them, Mario Magic from together.” □

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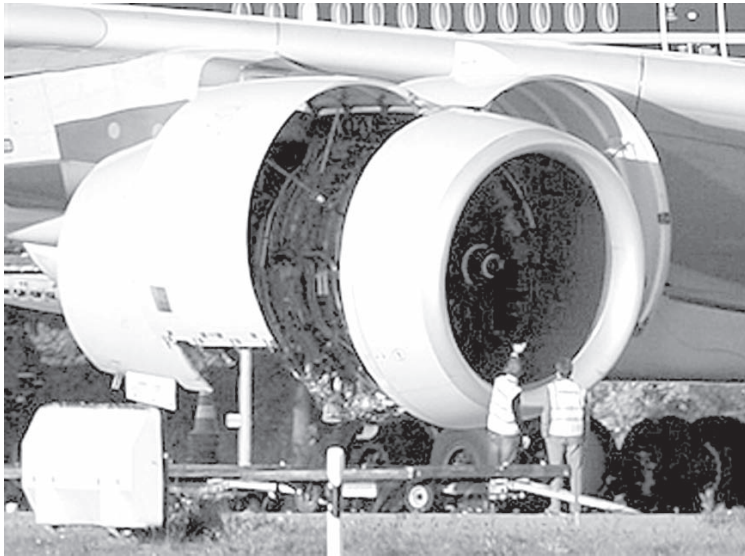
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A Singapore Airlines Airbus A-380 has its engine checked, at the Airport Zuerich, in Switzerland, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010. After a Qantas A-380 had an emergency landing in Singapore due to engine problems, several airlines are having their A-380s checked, before allowing them to take off again.

*Associated Press*

### QANTAS

*Continued from Front Page*

Residents on the western Indonesian island of Batam, near Singapore, helped

authorities pick up more than 100 pieces of debris scattered in 15 locations in Batam. The pieces, mostly small, torn metal but some the size

of doors, were brought to police headquarters for the investigation.

The engine trouble happened 15 minutes after takeoff from Singapore at 9:56 a.m. The plane landed after one hour and 50 minutes.

"The shutdown of the Qantas engine had no connection with Mount Merapi," said Bambang Ervan, a spokesman for the Indonesia's Transportation Ministry. "It was too far from the volcano — the sky over Singapore and Sumatra island is free of dust."

The flight is a regular service between Sydney, Singapore and London. Qantas' A380s can carry up to 525 people, but flight QF34 was carrying 433 passengers and 26 crew, all of whom were evacuated by a step ladder in an operation that lasted two hours.

Qantas spokeswoman Emma Kearns in Sydney said there were no injuries and no explosion on board. The airline described the problem as an "engine issue" without elaborating.

"We will suspend those

A380 services until we are completely confident that Qantas safety requirements have been met," Qantas CEO Alan Joyce told a news conference in Sydney.

Joyce appeared to blame the engine, made by Rolls-Royce.

"This issue, an engine failure, has been one that we haven't seen before. So we are obviously taking it very seriously, because it is a significant engine failure," he said.

Experts said the problem appeared to be an "uncontained engine failure," which occurs when turbine debris punctures the engine casing and the light cowling that covers the unit.

Aviation expert Tom Ballantyne told the AP that Thursday's troubles were "certainly the most serious incident that the A380 has experienced since it entered operations."

But "it's not like the aircraft is going to drop out of the sky," Ballantyne, Sydney-based chief correspondent at Orient Aviation Magazine, said by telephone from Brunei.

He said the engine shutdown couldn't have caused a crash. The planes are designed to fly on just two engines, and pilots are trained to handle engine failures, he said.

Rolls-Royce said it was aware of the situation, noting that the investigation was still at an early stage.

Airbus said in a statement it was providing all necessary technical assistance to an investigation by Singaporean authorities.

Consortium spokesman Martin Fendt declined to comment on Qantas' grounding of all its A380s, but he said no airworthiness directives were issued mandating a halt to flights by the superjumbo.

Still, the incident is likely to raise safety questions about one of the most modern aircraft, which has suffered a series of minor incidents.

In September 2009, a Singapore Airlines A380 was forced to turn around in mid-flight and head back to Paris after an engine malfunction. On March 31, a Qantas A380 with 244 people on board burst two tires on landing in Sydney after a flight from Singapore.

Last August, a Lufthansa crew shut down one of the engines as a precaution before landing at Frankfurt on a flight from Japan, after receiving confusing information on a cockpit indicator.

The other issues with the A380s have all been relatively minor, such as electrical problems, Ballantyne said.

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# Haiti homeless caught between eviction and storm

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The sky over Port-au-Prince's tarp cities grew dark, the winds picked up and rain began to fall as Tropical Storm Tomas headed for the quake-stricken Haiti on Thursday. Government officials and police told people to leave their camps, but most had nowhere to go.

An estimated 1.3 million homeless faced their hardest decision since the earthquake: Do they follow the government's advice and leave their slapped together shelters ahead of the storm and risk never being allowed to return? Or do they risk their lives and stay?

"I'm scared that if I leave they'll tear this whole place down. I don't have money to pay for a home somewhere else," said Clarice Napoux, 21, who lives on a soccer field behind the St. Therese church in Petionville.

She and her boyfriend lost their house in the Jan. 12 quake. Their only income is the few Haitian gourdes she makes selling uncooked rice, beans and dry goods.

Haiti's civil protection department has said those living in post-quake camps should go to the homes of friends and family. Buses began circulating just after dark to take camp residents away, but few were willing to go. Four civil protection buses that pulled up at a camp in the Canape-Vert district left with about five passengers in all. Officials did say where the buses would go.

President Rene Preval warned residents to leave camps in a Thursday radio address, but acknowledged, "The government doesn't have enough places to move everyone."

By late Thursday afternoon, Tomas had winds of 50 mph (85 kph) and it was expected to strengthen as it passed near Jamaica and western Haiti overnight, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. Tropical storm force winds extended outward some 120 miles (195 kilometers) from its spinning



Colombian, on the truck, and Peruvian, with blue helmets, U.N. soldiers help to evacuate Haitian children from the Corail-Cesselesse tent refugee camp for earthquake survivors before the arrival of tropical storm Tomas in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010. Fear and confusion set in among more than 1 million Haitians advised to leave earthquake homeless camps in the country's capital.

center.

In Jamaica, schools were closed in eastern provinces and traffic was jammed in the capital, Kingston, as businesses closed early.

"I'm taking no chances," said Carlton Samms, a bus driver who was going home early after stopping at a supermarket for food and other supplies.

At the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay in southeastern Cuba, the military was clearing away any debris that could fly off in strong winds and ensuring the soldiers and sailors who serve as guards for the 174 detainees have enough supplies.

"We have a well rehearsed plan that is going to serve us well," said Navy Cmdr. James Thornton, Guantanamo Bay's operations officer.

Five to 10 inches (12 to 25 centimeters) of rain was forecast for much of Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Civil protection officials in Haiti have a list of thousands of usable shelters in the capital — mostly schools and churches — but it was not being released to the public despite pressure from international aid groups who said the information could save lives.

"We don't want people to know where these buildings

are because people are going to invade and we won't have enough places for the people who really need them," Lochard said.

Most of Haiti's post-quake homeless live under donated plastic tarps on open fields. It is often private land, where they have been constantly fighting eviction. A September report from U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said 29 percent of 1,268 camps studied had been closed forcibly, meaning the often violent relocation of tens of thousands of people.

Haitian human-rights lawyer Mario Joseph, who testified on behalf of those evicted before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights this summer, said he fears the government is using the storm as an excuse to drive people off disputed land.

"I think it's going to be a time of eviction," he said. He said he has advised people who know they are at risk for floods, landslides and wind damage to stay in buildings near the camp and return to their squatters' sites as soon as possible after the storm.

Reconstruction has barely begun and even the building of transitional shelters — sturdier than makeshift tents, but not solid houses — has been slow. Large tranches of long-term

funds, including a promised \$1.15 billion from the United States, have not arrived. The State Department now says it still has to prove the money won't be stolen or misused.

"We know that, particularly with flooding and mudslides, there's going to be a loss of life. It's inevitable. But we will be prepared to do everything that we can to meet the immediate needs of the Haitian people," State department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Thursday.

As rebuilding lags, the United Nations and aid groups have been giving people reasons to stay in camps, providing aid and essential services such as medicine. That continued Thursday as residents reluctant to leave were given reinforcing tarps and other materials.

"We have always said that the best way to protect people in camps is to make camps as resistant as possible to any weather," said U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs spokeswoman Imogen Wall. "(Evacuation) doesn't make sense ... on a practical level, on a large scale."

By Thursday morning there were already problems. Residents of the nearly 8,000-person government relocation camp at Corail-Cesselesse threw bottles at aid

workers trying to get them to leave their ShelterBox tents for schools, churches and an abandoned prison nearby.

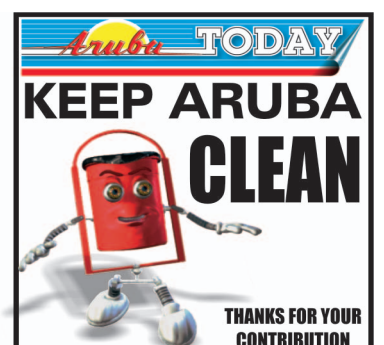
"If we go away, other people are going to move in our place! We want to stay here because we don't have another place to go," said 29-year-old Roland Jean.

The camp's grounds were designed by U.S. military engineers and graded by the United Nations. But the selection of the site has been criticized by aid groups almost since the beginning: a desert plain 9 miles north of the city, constantly floods and suffers wind damage.

Residents were told the tents could resist hurricanes. ShelterBox spokesman Tommy Tonkins said Thursday that they can stand up to heavy rains and 75 mph winds, but are not hurricane-proof.

By Thursday afternoon, camp officials had resolved the dispute and several hundred people began to leave on trucks provided by U.N. peacekeepers. An AP reporter visited the site ahead of the evacuation and found that while the school, church and abandoned hospital chosen as shelters were large and undamaged, they had no water or usable toilets. Aid workers expect people who flee the camps could stay for days.

Tomas killed at least 14 people when it slammed the eastern Caribbean country of St. Lucia as a hurricane Saturday. It will cost roughly \$500 million to repair flattened banana fields, destroyed houses, broken bridges and eroded beaches in the storm-staggered island, Prime Minister Stephenson King announced Thursday. King said some of what he had seen in the hard-hit southern town of Soufriere "really and truly devastated my own psyche." □





# Brazil wants Rousseff's alleged torturers tried



**Brazil's President-elect Dilma Rousseff smiles from the backseat of a car while on her way to a TV interview in Brasilia, Brazil, Monday Nov. 1, 2010. Rousseff, of the governing Workers Party, was elected in the presidential runoff on Sunday, becoming the nation's first female leader. She will take office Jan. 1.**

*Associated Press*

## BRADLEY BROOKS

*Associated Press*

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazilian prosecutors filed a lawsuit Thursday seeking damages against four dictatorship-era agents accused of killings and kidnappings. One is a former army captain linked to the torture of President-elect Dilma Rousseff when she was a guerrilla in 1970.

The civil lawsuit also involves the case of a rebel who was killed while in custody after leading the 1969 kidnapping of former U.S. Ambassador Charles Elbrick. Brazil's Supreme Court recently upheld a 1979 amnesty law pardoning both civilians and military personnel for alleged crimes committed under the 1964-1985 military dictatorship. But prosecutors

argue the law does not prevent charges under civil law and say they are stepping up such efforts. Three other civil cases were filed this year by the Sao Paulo prosecutors.

The three former soldiers and a former military policeman in the new lawsuit were tied to Brazil's Operation Bandeirante, a repressive secret paramilitary police group that rounded up leftist rebels starting in 1969, prosecutors allege.

The prosecutors seek a "declaration of civil responsibility" against the four, along with an end to their military pensions, restitution to society and help in compensating the alleged victims. The lawsuit was made available to The Associated Press by federal prosecutors in Sao Paulo. It did not give a monetary figure for the damages sought.

The allegations are based on testimony at military trials during the dictatorship, public records from the era and testimony from victims.

Among the defendants is former army Capt. Mauricio Lopes Lima, who prosecutors hold responsible for the torture of Rousseff after she was captured in early 1970.

A spokesman with the prosecutors office, who talked on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to discuss the case in detail, said it was not clear if Lima tortured Rousseff himself or ordered subordinates to do so. Rousseff joined student resistance groups as a 19-year-old in 1967. For three years she helped lead guerrilla organizations, instruct comrades on Marxist theory and write for an underground newspaper. She denies carrying out any acts of violence herself, says she opposed such action and was never accused by the military regime of violent acts.

After three years underground, Rousseff was captured by Brazil's military police and was considered a big enough catch that a military prosecutor labeled her the "Joan of Arc"

of the guerrilla movement.

She spent nearly three years in the Tiradentes prison, where she was beaten to the point of heavy bleeding, underwent electric shocks and spent hours on the "parrot's perch" — a painful position involving tying wrists to ankles, then suspending a prisoner off the ground by running a pole under their knees and over their biceps.

Rousseff rarely discusses this period of her life, but in an interview with the Folha de S. Paulo newspaper published in 2005, she said: "We fought and participated in a dream to build a better Brazil."

Also accused is retired Army Maj. Innocencio Fabricio de Mattos Beltrao, who prosecutors hold responsible for ordering the torture death of Virgilio Gomes da Silva, a member of the revolutionary group MR-8 that kidnapped the U.S. ambassador, Elbrick. Elbrick was held for a few days and released unharmed in exchange for the freeing of 15 political prisoners. □

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Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington laughs with the championship trophy after the Rangers advanced to the World Series with a 6-1 win over the New York Yankees in Game 6 of baseball's American League Championship Series Friday, Oct. 22, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

*Associated Press*

## Rangers manager gets new contract

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

— Manager Ron Washington agreed to a new two-year contract with the American League champion Texas Rangers on Thursday.

The deal through the 2012 season was completed three days after the end of the Rangers' first World Series.

Washington didn't have a contract past 2010, but team president Nolan Ryan and general manager Jon Daniels had made it clear during the season they wanted him back. They sat down and got it done before the manager planned to go home to New Orleans.

When hired to replace the fired Buck Showalter in November 2006, Washington got a two-year contract with two one-year options that were both exercised by the team. □

## 20K CLUB



Boston Celtics' Paul Pierce celebrates after making his 20,000th career point on a free throw in overtime during an NBA basketball game against the Milwaukee Bucks, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, in Boston. The Celtics won 105-102.

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## SPARKY ANDERSON DIES AT 76



This Sept. 28, 2009, file photo shows Sparky Anderson, manager of the 1984 Detroit Tigers world championship team, speaking during a celebration of their 25th anniversary prior to the Detroit Tigers-Minnesota Twins Major League Baseball game in Detroit.

*Associated Press*

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## Top-ranked Westwood, Woods near lead in Shanghai

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## Titans feel Moss on right team, at the right time

By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans don't feel like they took a chance claiming Randy Moss off the waiver wire. They think they got lucky and hit the lottery.

The Titans are confident the move will translate into wins — maybe even the missing piece that could deliver owner Bud Adams and coach Jeff Fisher their first Super Bowl.

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In this Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, photo, Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss walks across the field during warmups for an NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass.

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# Hall of Fame manager Sparky Anderson dead at 76



This July 26, 1994, file photo shows Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson smiling as he looks out from the dugout prior to the start of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, in Detroit. Anderson died Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 in Thousand Oaks, Calif. He was 76.

*Associated Press*

By JOE KAY  
AP Baseball Writer

Reds fans were taken aback when Sparky Anderson showed up in Cincinnati for his first day as a big league manager, an unknown taking over baseball's first professional team.

Sparky who? Really?

By the time he was done, this man with the shock of white hair and schoolboy nickname would produce a mighty list of achievements that featured three World Series titles — including crowns in each league — and a Hall of Fame entry on his resume.

Anderson, who directed the Big Red Machine to back-to-back championships and won another in Detroit, died Thursday from complications of dementia in Thousand

Oaks, Calif. He was 76. A day earlier, his family said he'd been placed in hospice care.

Anderson was the first manager to win World Series titles in both leagues and the only manager to lead two franchises in career wins.

"Sparky was, by far, the best manager I ever played for," said former Reds star Pete Rose, the game's career hits leader. "He understood people better than anyone I ever met. His players loved him, he loved his players, and he loved the game of baseball. There isn't another person in baseball like Sparky Anderson. He gave his whole life to the game."

Anderson's teams in Cincinnati — featuring Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan and Rose — won crowns in 1975 and 1976 and rank

among the most powerful of all time. Led by Kirk Gibson and Alan Trammell, Anderson won with the Tigers in 1984.

"He was a good guy," former Tigers pitcher Jack Morris said, choking up over the news. "Baseball will have very few people like Sparky. He was a unique individual. He was a character with a great passion and love for the game."

Anderson never tried to overshadow his teams, giving his stars great leeway while trying to stay in the background. At Anderson's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service.

Always affable, ever talkative and known for a self-deprecating demeanor, Anderson was equally popular among players, fans and media. "Revered and treasured by his players for his humility, humanity, eternal optimism and knowledge of the game," his Hall of Fame plaque reads. Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig called Anderson a gentleman and dear friend.

"I recall with great fondness the many hours we would spend together when his Tigers came to Milwaukee," Selig said. "Sparky was a loyal friend, and whenever I would be dealing with difficult situations as commissioner, he would lift my spirits, telling me to keep my head up and that I was doing the right thing."

The Reds put a photo of Anderson on their outfield videoboard at Great American Ball Park on Thursday afternoon, honoring the man who led them to their greatest moments.

"In one way or another, Sparky touched the life of every Reds fan," owner Bob Castellini said.

Anderson's win total of 2,194 was the third highest when he retired after the 1995 season, trailing only Connie Mack and John McGraw. He's still sixth on the career list — he won 863 games in nine years with the Reds and 1,331 in 17 seasons with the Tigers.

He'll be remembered as much for the little things that made him beloved as for the big numbers that made him a Hall

of Famer.

"Being a good baseball player and person went hand-in-hand with him," said Alan Trammell, the 1984 World Series MVP who is Arizona's bench coach. "He wanted us to put our dirty clothes in the bin so that the clubhouse guys didn't have to pick up after us."

In many ways away from the field, he was a teacher.

"He had a lot to do with molding me professionally and taught me a lot about perseverance," Morris said. Anderson knew all about perseverance.

George "Sparky" Anderson got his nickname in the minor leagues because of his spirited play. He made it to the majors for only one season, batting .218 for the Phillies in 1959.

Anderson learned to control a temper that nearly scuttled his fledgling career as a manager in the minors, and went on to become one of baseball's best at running a team. And he won with a humility that couldn't obscure his unique ability to manage people.

"I got good players, stayed out of their way, let them win a lot and then just hung around for 26 years," he said during his Hall of Fame acceptance speech in 2000.

Of course, there was a lot more to him. He liked to twist the language, using double-negatives to make a roundabout point. He also reassessed things constantly.

"To be around me, you have to be a little bit cuckoo," Anderson said on the day he resigned from the Tigers after the 1995 season. "One day it's written in concrete, the next day it's written in sand. I always felt if I didn't change my mind every 24 hours, people would find me boring." Anderson's win total trails only those of Mack, McGraw, Tony La Russa, Bobby Cox and Joe Torre. His overall record was 2,194-1834 and he was a two-time AL Manager of the Year.

"Sparky was one of the greatest people I've met in baseball," Detroit Hall of Famer Al Kaline said. "He was a leader to his players both on and off the field. He

was an incredible person and I cherish the time I was able to spend with him."

He had the right touch with superstars, and it came in handy when he led the star-studded Reds to World Series wins in 1975-76. He won four National League pennants in Cincinnati from 1970-78, then was stung when the Reds fired him after consecutive second-place finishes.

Anderson took his disappointment to the other league and won there, too, directing the Tigers to the 1984 championship and a division title in 1987. He was voted into Cooperstown by the Veterans Committee.

Even then, he showed his usual self-deprecation. Anderson had refused to step foot inside the Hall until 2000 because he felt unworthy.

"I didn't ever want to go into the most precious place in the world unless I belonged," Anderson said.

For a long time, he was a long shot to make the Hall.

The only notable thing about Anderson as a player was his prematurely graying hair and his nickname. He was playing for Fort Worth in the Texas League in 1955 when a radio announcer, taken by his feisty play, started calling him Sparky.

The name stuck. He didn't. Anderson made it to the majors in 1959 and singled home the go-ahead run on opening day in Cincinnati, which turned out to be the highlight of his playing career. A light-hitting second baseman, he had 12 extra-base hits — zero home runs — and 34 RBIs in 477 at-bats. He was back in the minors the next year, and soon realized it was time to think about another career.

He decided to try managing.

That almost flamed out, too. His first job was managing a minor league team in Toronto in 1964. He was overly aggressive in his strategy and argued every close call with umpires, showing a short fuse that soon got him fired. Cardinals general manager Bob Howsam gave him a second chance to manage in the minors, then moved to Cincinnati to build the Reds. □

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# Chilean miner at NYC Marathon ran to beat destiny

RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Rescued Chilean miner Edison Pena is aiming to finish the New York City Marathon this Sunday. Pena jogged through the tunnels while trapped underground to “beat destiny,” Pena said through a translator at a packed news conference on Thursday, hours after flying into New York.

“What I thought about as I ran in the mine was that I was going to beat destiny,” Pena said. “I was going to turn the tables on destiny. I was saying to that mine, ‘I can outrun you. I’m going to run until you’re just tired and bored of me.’ “And I did it.”

Pena immediately recognized the man who greeted him at the airport: Marathon world-record holder Haile Gebrselassie. As somebody described their meeting later, Pena chimed in, in English, “It’s incredible.”

Dapper in a dark suit, the 34-year-old Pena charmed the more than 100 media members who gathered to hear his story. He even sang a few lines of “Return to Sender” by his beloved Elvis Presley, whose music helped him through those daily runs of 6-7 miles (9-11 kilometers) in the mine. With his bad knee and all, he predicts it will take 6 hours to finish on Sunday.

“I’d like the gentlemen and ladies of the press to kindly promise that you’re not going to rip me apart in your stories

if I can’t stand the pain in my knee,” Pena said, his humor undoubtedly intact after 69 days trapped nearly a half-mile underground. “So, you know, show me some mercy, guys.” When the 33 miners’ rescue captivated the world last month, NYC Marathon officials heard about Pena’s subterranean training runs.

“We know running as a light. We know running as a salvation. We know running as an anchor, and we felt a little bit better when we learned that one of the miners had that force of running with him while in the darkness,” New York Road Runners President Mary Wittenberg said. “So, immediately, we said, ‘We want to celebrate this man.’”

They planned to invite him as an honored guest — to hold the finish line tape, to maybe ride the course in a warm car. “To be honest, it didn’t even strike us that he might want to run,” Wittenberg said. “But when we heard last week that Edison wanted to come and he wanted to run, in so many ways it wasn’t a surprise.”

Pena has kept running since the rescue — including 6½ miles (9½ kilometers) as part of a triathlon team event in Chile on Oct. 24. He said he hadn’t done a race in years but he’d long been an avid amateur runner. He just never had the means to travel to compete in a storied event like the NYC Marathon.

Once rescuers made contact with the miners and sent down

food, Pena started his runs. He cut down his steel-tipped electrician’s boots to ankle-high shoes.

Pena mimed sweat dripping down his face as he recalled braving the heat and humidity to traverse the 1,000-meter path with his miner’s lamp lighting the way.

“I was running to show that I wasn’t just waiting around,” he said. “I was running to be an active participant in my own salvation. I wasn’t just waiting around. I was running because I was also contributing to the struggle for our rescue.”

“I also wanted God to see that I really wanted to live.” He emerged to a very different life.

He’s accepted an invitation to visit Graceland in January for a private tour. After that, Pena will be flown to Las Vegas to watch “Viva Elvis,” the Cirque du Soleil show based on Presley’s music.

Other than his foot bouncing nervously on his chair, Pena looked utterly comfortable in front of all the cameras as he answered the stream of questions asked in English and Spanish. He gestured in awe at the height difference between him and former NFL wide receiver Amani Toomer, who is running the marathon for charity and presented him with watches from his sponsor, Timex. Pena, the 12th man rescued, had been one of the most outspoken of the miners, insisting Chile’s mineral riches shouldn’t come at the



Rescued Chilean miner Edison Pena holds his race bib, a watch and GPS unit he received at New York City Marathon news conference, in New York, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010. Pena is aiming to finish the marathon this Sunday.

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expense of working people ordered into mines known to be unsafe. On Thursday, he focused on his experience of running in the mine and the positives of his trip to New York. Joining Pena and his

wife on their flight were many other Chileans who had long ago signed up to run the NYC Marathon. Pena was stunned the professional athletes would even talk to an amateur like him. □



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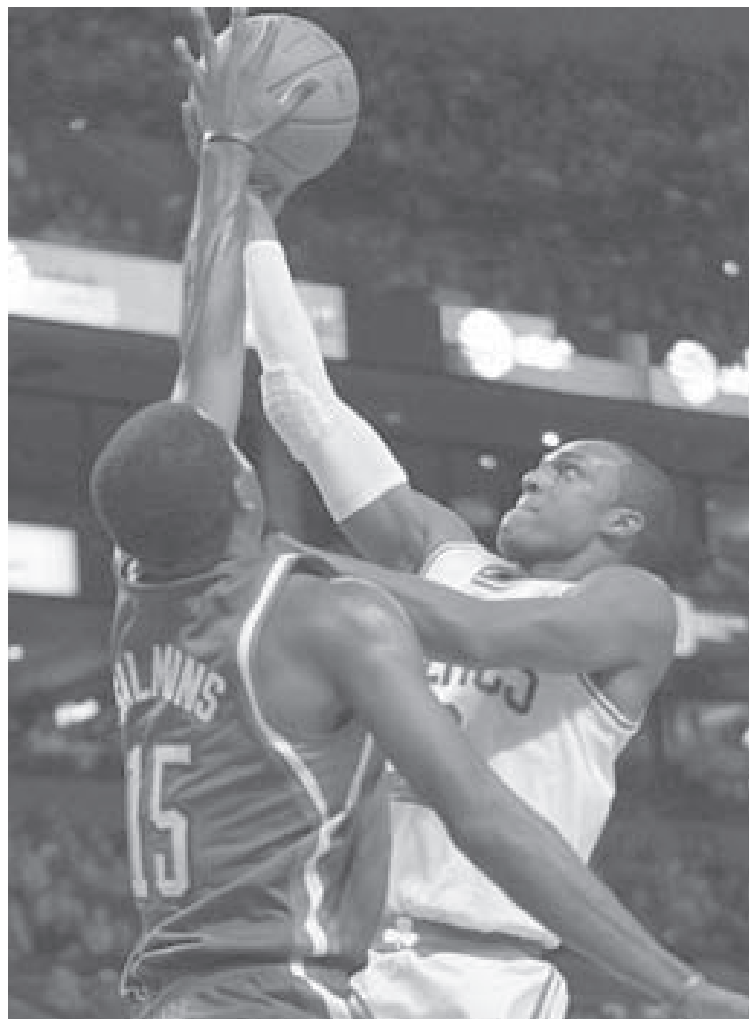
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# Pierce carries Celtics to OT win over Bucks



Boston Celtics' Rajon Rondo, right, shoots against Milwaukee Bucks' John Salmons (15) in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, in Boston.

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BOSTON (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 12 of his 28 points in overtime to reach 20,000 points in his career and added a key steal with 27 seconds left to help the Boston Celtics beat Milwaukee 105-102 on Wednesday night.

NBA Roundup Ray Allen had 23 points for the Celtics, Rajon Rondo had 17 points and 15 assists, and Kevin Garnett scored 13 and grabbed eight rebounds.

Andrew Bogut led the Bucks with 21 points and 13 rebounds. Ersan Ilyasova and Carlos Delfino each scored 15 points and Brandon Jennings had 13.

At Sacramento, Kobe Bryant had 30 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds to help Los Angeles win its fifth straight game to open the season.

Pau Gasol added 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Lamar Odom scored 18 for the Lakers, who have won seven straight against their Northern California rivals.

Bryant had his 17th career triple-double and first since

Jan. 21, 2009.

Tyreke Evans scored 21 to lead the Kings. Francisco Garcia, Carl Landry and Beno Udrih each added 17.

## Hawks 94, Pistons 85

At Atlanta, Al Horford had six straight points in an 18-4 run to finish the game and the undefeated Hawks beat winless Detroit.

Josh Smith had 22 points and 11 rebounds as the Hawks improved to five wins, remaining the only unbeaten team in the Eastern Conference.

Ben Gordon had 22 points but it wasn't enough for Detroit.

The Pistons are 0-5 for the first time since the 1980-81 season, when they started 0-7.

Magic 128, Timberwolves 86 At Orlando, Dwight Howard had 18 points, 16 rebounds and eight blocked shots to help Orlando set a club record for most points in the first half in a victory over Minnesota.

Vince Carter had 20 points, Ryan Anderson scored 19 and the Magic shook up the starting lineup to score 78

points in the opening half for an easy win. Orlando started Anderson at power forward, moved Rashard Lewis to small forward and bumped Quentin Richardson out of the starting lineup.

Kevin Love had 22 points and Corey Brewer scored 12 for the Timberwolves.

Mavericks 102, Nuggets 101 At Denver, Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 35 points and Caron Butler hit a pivotal 3-pointer late in the game, helping Dallas hold off a Denver squad missing center Nene.

Butler hit a 3-pointer from the corner with 2 minutes remaining to give the Mavericks a 102-99 lead.

Carmelo Anthony answered with a dunk to trim it to one and after a Mavericks shot-clock violation, the Nuggets had one last chance.

But Anthony's 20-footer with Shawn Marion in his face rimmed out and the Nuggets couldn't track down the rebound in time.

## Bobcats 85, Nets 83

At Newark, D.J. Augustin hit two go-ahead free throws with 30.9 seconds to play and Charlotte won for the first time this season, overcoming a 10-point, fourth-quarter deficit.

Boris Diaw scored 24 points, Gerald Wallace had 20 and Stephen Jackson scored eight of his 12 in the final 5:12 to lead Charlotte, which survived two final shots by Travis Outlaw in the closing seconds.

Devin Harris shook off a sprained left shoulder to lead the Nets with 19 points and eight assists.

**In other NBA games it was Atlanta 94, Detroit 85; Charlotte 85, New Jersey 83; Orlando 128, Minnesota 86; Philadelphia 101, Indiana 75; Boston 105, Milwaukee 102, OT; New Orleans 107, Houston 99; Dallas 102, Denver 101; Utah 125, Toronto 108; San Antonio 112, Phoenix 110; Golden State 115, Memphis 109; L.A. Clippers 107, Oklahoma City 92; and L.A. Lakers 112, Sacramento 100.** □



Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) approaches the foul line in the third quarter during an NBA basketball game against the New Jersey Nets at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010. The Heat defeated the Nets 101-78.

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# James wants to play for U.S. in London Olympics

TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James says he would "love to be a part" of the 2012 U.S. basketball team at the London Olympics and help defend the gold medal the Americans won in the Beijing Games.

And if U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski wants him back, James says he's just a phone call away.

"Coach K has my number. I have his number," James said on Thursday. "If he needs me, I'm there."

The U.S. clinched a spot in the 2012 field by winning the world championship in Turkey this summer, with that team led by Oklahoma City star Kevin Durant — a close friend of James. Five-time NBA champion Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers said this week that he'd also like to play on the 2012 squad.

"You guys want me there, I am there and I'm ready to defend," Bryant said on Tuesday on Krzyzewski's SIRIUS XM radio show. "And then when you guys need me to put

some points on the board, I'll do that, too." James' teammates on the Miami Heat would also expect to be in the Olympic consideration mix. Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade were also part of the "Redeem Team" in Beijing, but Wade has said at least twice in the past few days that he has no timetable for making up his mind.

James, Wade, Carmelo Anthony, Dwight Howard and Chris Paul also skipped the worlds in Istanbul this summer, but Anthony and Paul — also friends of Miami's two-time reigning NBA MVP — have already said they want to be part of the mix in London.

If he plays in 2012, it would be James' third Olympics.

"I would love to be a part of that team," James said. "I think it's an unbelievable thing to represent your country. If Coach K needs me to be a part of that team, I'm available. Hopefully I'm healthy enough to be a part of that team. But I'm always up for the Olympics and representing my country." □





# Semin leads Capitals past Leafs in 5-4 shootout win

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alexander Semin scored a late equalizer in regulation time and then added the final goal in a shootout as the Washington Capitals beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-4 on Wednesday night.

NHL Roundup The Capitals led 3-1 heading into the third period, before Mike Brown, Kris Versteeg and Tyler Bozak scored in a span of 3:03 for Toronto.

Semin leveled it at 4 on a power play. Then he and Alex Ovechkin scored for Washington in the shootout, while Capitals goalie Michal Neuvirth stopped both of Toronto's attempts.

Nikolai Kulemin gave the Leafs a 1-0 lead at 14:29 of the first period before Mike Green, Jason Chimera and Tomas Fleischmann scored for Washington in the second.

## Devils 5, Blackhawks 3

At Chicago, rookie forward Bradley Mills scored his first NHL goal with 3:51 left in the third period to break a deadlock as New Jersey beat Chicago despite an injury to Martin Brodeur.

The star goalie left in the second period with a bruised right elbow. Brodeur finished with eight saves. He was replaced by Johan Hedberg, who stopped 21 of 24 shots. With nine points, the Devils moved out of last place in the league.

Jason Arnett and Travis Zajac also scored for the Devils, who won for the second time in seven games. Jamie Langenbrunner and Andy Greene had empty-net goals. Viktor Stalberg, Brian Campbell and Fernando Pisani scored for the defending Stanley Cup champions.

## Stars 5, Penguins 2

At Dallas, Loui Eriksson scored twice, including a penalty-shot goal, and Kari Lehtonen made 21 saves as the stars earned a fight-filled victory over Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins.

A frustrated Crosby, who entered with only four penalty minutes this season and rarely

fighters, squared off against Matt Niskanen at 12:33 of the second period while Pittsburgh trailed 4-1.

That was one of four bouts in the first two periods.

Stephane Robidas and Brad Richards each had a goal and an assist for Dallas. Steve Ott added a goal, and James Neal had two assists.

## Coyotes 4, Predators 3

At Glendale, Ed Jovanovski had the first three-goal game of his 15-year career as Phoenix overcame some early defensive miscues to beat Nashville.

Known as a hard-nosed defenseman, Jovanovski gave the Coyotes an unexpected jolt of offense with his hat trick, scoring the go-ahead goal with just more than 14 minutes left.

Lee Stempniak added his 100th career goal and Ilya Bryzgalov made 28 saves to help Phoenix pull out its second home win before another barely-there crowd of 6,761.

Francis Bouillon, Sergei Kostitsyn and Patric Hornqvist scored for Nashville.

## Bruins 5, Sabres 2

At Buffalo, Tim Thomas made 33 saves in his seventh straight win, and Brad Marchand and Michael Ryder had a goal and assist each to lift the surging Boston Bruins to victory.

Thomas (7-0), who entered

with a 0.50 goals-against average after consecutive shutouts, had his shutout streak of 167 minutes, 12 seconds snapped by Drew Stafford's second-period goal that made it 4-1.

Andrej Sekera also scored for Buffalo, which played without ailing goalie Ryan Miller. The Sabres came in with the second-fewest points (8) in the NHL after winning the Northeast Division last season.

Thomas allowed more than one goal for the first time this season, but tied a career high for longest winning streak.

Patrice Bergeron, Blake Wheeler and Milan Lucic also scored for Boston (7-2), which set a franchise record by winning its fifth consecutive road game to open a season.

## Hurricanes 7, Islanders 2

At Raleigh, Cam Ward made 31 saves and Jon Matsumoto scored his first two NHL goals in Carolina's rout of New York.

Rick DiPietro played the whole game and allowed all seven goals on 32 shots as the Islanders lost their fifth straight.

Joe Corvo, Eric Staal, Brandon Sutter, Jiri Tlustý and Jeff Skinner also scored for the Hurricanes. Sergei Samsonov had three assists, helping Carolina set a season high for goals.



Washington Capitals left wing Alexander Semin, center, of Russia, celebrates his third-period goal with center Brooks Laich, right, and center Nicklas Backstrom, left, of Sweden, during an NHL hockey game against the Toronto Maple Leafs in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. The Capitals won 5-4 in a shootout.

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## Thrashers 4, Panthers 3

At Sunrise, Chris Mason made 52 saves and Fredrik Modin scored twice to lift Atlanta over Florida.

Dustin Byfuglien tied it for the Thrashers at 9:59 of the third period and Niclas Bergfors scored the game-winner 71 seconds later on a slap shot from the left faceoff dot.

Mason stopped 22 shots in the second period. The 55 shots by Florida tied a franchise record set on Dec. 18, 2005, in a 3-2 win at Washington.

At Calgary, Mike Modano and Justin Abdelkader scored second-period goals to lead Detroit to its fifth victory in

six games.

The Flames led 1-0 after the first on a power-play goal by Mark Giordano before the Red Wings rallied.

The Flames have lost three straight and finished their five-game homestand — their longest of the season — with a 2-3 record.

**In other NHL games it was Washington 5, Toronto 4, SO; Boston 5, Buffalo 2; Carolina 7, N.Y. Islanders 2; Atlanta 4, Florida 3; New Jersey 5, Chicago 3; Dallas 5, Pittsburgh 2; Detroit 2, Calgary 1; Phoenix 4, Nashville 3; and Anaheim 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT.**

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# Red Sox exercise \$12.5 million option on DH Ortiz



This Sept. 12, 2010, file photo shows Boston Red Sox's David Ortiz celebrating after scoring against the Oakland Athletics during the sixth inning of a baseball game, in Oakland, Calif. The Red Sox are exercising their \$12.5 million option on designated hitter David Ortiz. The team announced Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, it decided to keep the slugger, who got off to slow starts the past two seasons but finished strongly both times.

HOWARD ULMAN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox exercised their \$12.5 million option on David Ortiz

rather than give the designated hitter the new multiyear contract he preferred.

The Red Sox didn't want to commit big money beyond

2011 to a player who turns 35 in two weeks, has had trouble hitting left-handers and rarely plays in the field. Ortiz also has slipped from career-highs of

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148 RBIs in 2005, 54 homers in 2006 and a .332 batting average in 2007.

"I talked to him directly and he told me directly that he was cool with it," Boston general manager Theo Epstein said. "I think, in the end, he realized that we weren't in a position to give him what he was looking for in a multiyear arrangement." Epstein said it was unlikely a multiyear deal still could be worked out with Ortiz, who has started slowly in each of the last two seasons.

"We never say never," Epstein said. "Things could always come up that cause you to turn in a new direction, but I think at this point the feeling is that we've explored it. It didn't work out. Both sides, for a lot of reasons, were fine going to the one-year mechanism that was already built into the contract." Ortiz's past contributions and the fact that he's a fan favorite contributed to the team's decision to pick up the option.

"The most important factor of all is that he's still very productive, arguably the best and most impactful player at his position in the game," Epstein said. Ortiz led Boston with 32 homers and tied for the team lead with 102 RBIs this year while batting .270. He also was chosen for his sixth MLB All-Star game.

In 2009, he hit just .238, his lowest batting average since he joined Boston before the 2003 season as a free agent from the Minnesota Twins, but had 28 homers and 99 RBIs.

Through May 11, Ortiz was hitting just .185 with four homers. But by the All-Star break two months later, he was up to .263 with 18 homers and made the American League team for the sixth time.

By the end of the season, he led the Red Sox with 82 walks and tied for ninth in the AL with 69 extra base hits and was eighth in the league in slugging at .529. □



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Fisher, the NFL's longest-tenured coach, is known as a player's coach who holds his guys accountable. The Titans (5-3) are winning with a strong locker room hungry for the franchise's first postseason win since January 2004, which should keep Moss focused for their eight-game playoff push. All reasons why, though no one else in the NFL wanted the 13-year veteran, the Titans feel Moss now is on the right team at the right time.

"This is a great opportunity for him," Fisher. "It's a fresh start. We've got a great locker room. They'll accept him. I'm confident he'll accept his new teammates as well."

Fisher himself is the biggest reason this can work.

He has dealt with egos — Adam "Pacman" Jones and Albert Haynesworth and running back LenDale White — coaxing out big punt returns, interceptions, sacks and touchdowns before those players wore out their welcome in Tennessee. The Titans eventually traded away Jones and White, and let Haynesworth walk via free agency.

Now in his 16th full season, Fisher also has enough clout to make personnel decisions as he sees fit. Fisher is a former player with a good feel when to practice longer or turn a session into a walkthrough, which his players notice.

Not that the Titans are expecting any issues.

They did their homework on Moss, including talking to backup quarterback Kerry Collins. Moss and Collins were teammates for a year in Oakland, and Collins calls him a great teammate. Fisher also talked to Moss himself and said the receiver is excited to come to Tennessee.

"We think that he can help us, and I'm looking forward to seeing him run under those deep balls," Fisher said.

That's where Moss fits best.

He gives offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger the best option he's had to throw downfield. The Titans have been trying to do just that the past few weeks, attempting to stretch the field for running back Chris Johnson. Kenny Britt had 225 yards receiving

on Oct. 25, the best day in the NFL this year, and Nate Washington had a career-best 113 yards in last week's 33-25 loss to San Diego.

Vince Young is the NFL's top-rated passer at 103.1 for the first time in his career, though the Titans rank 24th with 187.6 yards passing per game. Moss is expected to change that.

"He should be a difference maker for the offense and other individual players on our offense," Heimerdinger said.

The biggest benefactor could be Johnson.

He is the NFL's third-best rusher with 721 yards, but defenses stack the line against him. And though the Titans are the NFL's second-highest scoring team (28 ppg), with Britt out a minimum of two weeks with a strained right hamstring, things were bound to get tougher for Johnson.

"I know for a fact they can't put all those guys in the box with that guy out there," Johnson said Thursday in quotes shared by the team after a closed practice.

Johnson isn't the only player excited about the arrival of Moss and his 153 career touchdowns.

The Titans missed the playoffs last year and lost in their previous two postseason appearances, and they are a half-game back of Indianapolis (5-2) in the AFC South at their bye with five divisional games left down the stretch.

They expect Moss to be ready to work when they return to practice Tuesday after their bye week.

"We need to make sure we are here to play, we are here to win, and that is what it is all about," linebacker Will Witherspoon. "I think coach Fisher said it himself. Anytime you have a chance to improve the roster, you need to try to make that move if you can. I think they had the opportunity and took full advantage of it."

Though the man with the West Virginia drawl can be moody, snarling at reporters or responding with candor and wit, past teammates have nothing but good things to say about the 6-foot-4 receiver.

Even if Moss didn't give 100 percent, Minnesota quarterback Brett Favre said he was dangerous.

"So, did he hustle on every

play? I don't know if Randy has ever hustled on every play. That's just Randy," Favre said. "But he knows what his value is. He figures, 'Heck, two guys follow me everywhere I go.' ... They may watch and say, 'He's jogging, jogging, jogging.' Boom! 70-yard touchdown."

Vikings receiver Greg Camarillo credited Moss with making him better. Adrian Peterson tweeted he knew Johnson was excited and that he enjoyed his time with Moss. Tom Brady still calls Moss a "great friend."

Saints fullback Heath Evans said Moss had young receivers in the weight room at 6 a.m., bugging coaches to open the doors early so he could start work.

"As an old teammate, any time I hear negative news about him it angers me because I know the guy," Evans said. "Listen, he's the type of guy you want on your team on Sundays."

That's the Moss the Titans believe they've got.

Tennessee tight end Bo Scaife said "Thank you Jesus" once



Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher watches from the sideline late in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans won 37-19.

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they landed the veteran. "I hope he's mad at those other teams passing him up, and he

comes in and gives us the best eight games of his career," Scaife said. □

# Steelers' Harrison fined \$20,000 for hit on Brees



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) is hit by Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison (92) after releasing a pass during the first half of an NFL football game at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010. Also in on the play are Steelers defensive end Ziggy Hood (96) and Saints offensive tackle Zach Strief (64).

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**ALAN ROBINSON**

**AP Sports Writer**

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison was fined \$20,000 for a late hit on New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, the third time the

NFL has fined him this season for a dangerous tackle.

The penalties total \$100,000, including a \$75,000 fine for his Oct. 17 helmet hit that left Cleveland Browns wide receiver Mohamed Massaquoi with a concussion.

"The amount of money is becoming an issue," Harrison said on Thursday. "The fines that they issued to me, two of them weren't even called penalties. I don't even know what to say anymore."

The \$75,000 fine was handed out the week the NFL adopted its tougher stance on hits to the head and neck, a policy that briefly led Harrison to consider retiring. Harrison also was fined \$5,000 for a hard hit on Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young on Sept. 19. Harrison was summoned to New York to meet on Tuesday with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to discuss the NFL's stricter enforcement of dangerous hits. Harrison termed the meeting "semi-productive," and he said it included a discussion about the Brees hit.

On that play, Harrison was given a roughing-the-passer penalty for tackling Brees from behind after the quarterback threw a pass. □



# Westwood fires 66, Tiger shoots 68 in Shanghai



Lee Westwood, right, of Britain stands with his caddy on the 8th green during the first round of the HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010. Westwood finished the first round with the score 6 under.

**DOUG FERGUSON,**  
AP Golf Writer  
SHANGHAI (AP) — Lee Westwood spent his career trying to be No. 1 in the world. The way he played Thursday in the HSBC Champions, it didn't look as though he wants to give up his prized ranking after just one week.

Even as Francesco Molinari of Italy made a late charge to a 7-under 65 for a one-shot lead over Westwood, the focus in the final World Golf Championship of the year quickly shifted to what could be a prolonged and fascinating battle for No. 1. In his debut as golf's top-ranked player, Westwood made birdie on some of the toughest holes at Sheshan International and showed

hardly any signs of rust from playing in his second stroke-play tournament in three months. He finished with back-to-back birdies for a 66.

Two shots behind Westwood was Tiger Woods, without his No. 1 ranking for the first time in more than five years. Woods made a most improbable par from behind the bushes with a 4-iron he had to aim away from loose tree roots, which proved more satisfying than the three straight birdies that sent him to a 68.

Not to be forgotten is the defending champion, fourth-ranked Phil Mickelson, who rallied late for a 69. PGA champion Martin Kaymer, the No. 3 player, opened with a 72.

Any of those four could go to No. 1 this week at the HSBC Champions, and it could just be getting started. "You just basically asked me how long a piece of string is, I think," Westwood replied when asked when the crowd near the top of the ranking might have some clarity. "I think the world rankings are reflective of how competitive world golf is at the moment. Nobody is the out-and-out world No. 1. I think that's partly to do with Tiger not having played quite so well this year, and partly to do with Tiger having made everybody else elevate their games.

"He's a victim of his own brilliance," he said. "We've all had to work harder, and we've closed the gap."

There was plenty of brilliance to go around on a mostly clear afternoon at Sheshan International, with sunshine fighting through the haze and only a mild breeze. That allowed for 51 players in the 78-man field to shoot par or better.

Molinari would not have expected to be at the top when he sent his wedge over the third green, his 12th hole, and faced a scary downhill chip. He turned bogey into birdie by chipping in, the start of four successive birdies without a bogey on his card.

"Everything seems in the right place at the moment," Molinari said.

No one should be surprised for the No. 1 player to open with a 66 in such gentle conditions, although even Westwood wasn't sure what kind of form he brought to

Shanghai. Since his runner-up finish at the British Open in July, he played two rounds at the Bridgestone Invitational before pulling out with his calf injury, played four matches at the Ryder Cup and four rounds at the Dunhill Links Championship.

"I didn't really know what to expect," he said.

Nor did he feel as though he had to live up to any expectations as the new No. 1.

After knocking in a 15-foot birdie putt on the 13th, Westwood took on the 15th with a solid drive and a 6-iron to 15 feet for birdie, then watched his drive on the 288-yard 16th hole pitch 10 feet from the cup before rolling over the back of the green. His chip raced 18 feet down the slope, but he holed the birdie putt.

Westwood wasn't trying to send a message, although if anyone took it that way, it was fine by him.

"I don't think I need to reinforce why I'm No. 1 in the world," Westwood said. "I think you get there as a result of having good performances. But it's nice to go out there and show everybody that there is a particular reason why I got to that stage."

The Asian influence in the tournament regarded as "Asia's major" came from Yuta Ikeda of Japan, who bogeyed his last hole and shot 67, and rising Korean star Seung-Yul Noh, who also had a 67. They were joined by Henrik Stenson, coming off his worst season and seeing some signs of progress.

For Woods, the best sign might have been picking up where he left off. This is his first stroke-play tournament since Sept. 12 at the BMW Championship, and his first competition since Oct. 3 at the Ryder Cup. That's the longest layoff since he returned to golf at the Masters, and his opening bogey was his only dropped shot of the round.

Two holes stood out for Woods.

Already 1 over for the tournament, he drove into a cluster of trees and bushes on the 15th. He figured he had no hope until caddy Steve Williams told Woods when he got to his ball, "I think we might have a shot."

The ball was behind some hedges, with sprigs sticking up around his ball. With a 4-iron, Woods played away from the sprigs, through a gap in the hedges, shaping the ball from left to right to get it just left of the green. From there, he navigated a tricky, downhill chip to about 3 feet for the most unlikely par.

"I was able to build some momentum from there," Woods said.

He birdied the next hole with a sand wedge to 2 feet, then had three straight birdies on his back nine. The most impressive came on the par-5 second hole, where he hit a 5-wood from 247 yards to 18 feet for a two-putt birdie.

"I hit a lot of good golf shots," Woods said. "I felt like I was able to control my distance well coming into the greens, and also putted really well today." □



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# Microsoft's Xbox 360 motion sensor Kinect hits stores

NEW YORK — Microsoft launched its Xbox 360 motion-sensing controller Kinect on Thursday with a Times Square extravaganza and high hopes for the device that lets people play videogames using body movements.

Market tracker International Data Corp. predicted US sales of 2.5 million to 3.0 million Kinects over the holiday season but Microsoft is setting its sights even higher.

The Redmond, Washington-based software giant this week boosted its forecast for Kinect sales this quarter to five million units from three million and said it expects it to be the biggest Xbox accessory debut ever.

Kinect, which went on sale at more than 30,000 US stores on Thursday, uses a 3D camera and motion recognition software to let people play videogames using natural body movements and voice

commands instead of hand-held controllers.

Driving games are played by simply moving the hands as if turning a steering wheel while on-screen figures in dance or sports games mimic body movements.

The Kinect hits the market on the heels of Sony PlayStation 3 Move motion controllers which IDC estimates will sell between 2.0 million and 2.25 million units by the end of the year.

Both Microsoft and Sony are hoping to cash in on the success of Japan's Nintendo, which pioneered motion controls with its hit Wii consoles in 2006.

"Millions of additional US households will be enjoying motion-based gaming this holiday season," Lewis Ward, research manager of IDC's videogame industry advisory service, said.

"Nintendo's Wii MotionPlus

controller has an installed base over 10 million units right now but the new interfaces and associated games from Sony and Microsoft are going to give many shoppers pause moving forward," Ward said.

The standalone Kinect, which works with the 45 million Xbox 360s already sold worldwide, costs 150 dollars. It comes with the videogame "Kinect Adventures," which features a river raft ride through an obstacle course.

A four-gigabyte Xbox 360 console that includes the Kinect and "Kinect Adventures" sells for 299 dollars.

Seventeen Kinect games are currently available ranging from dance, exercise and sports titles to "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," which lets people portray the fictional young wizard.

A "Kinectimals" videogame tailored for children lets



New Yorkers play Kinect for Xbox 360 at a lunch party in Times Square on November 3. Kinect uses a 3D camera and motion recognition software to let people play videogames using natural body movements and voice commands instead of hand-held controllers.

players befriend and train wild on-screen animals with words and gestures.

Among the studios which have developed Kinect titles are Ubisoft, Electronic Arts, MTV Games/Harmonix, Microsoft Games, and Warner Brothers Interactive Entertainment.

For the launch, Microsoft filled New York's Times Square with hundreds of dancers and put on a concert by recording artists Ne-Yo and Lady Sovereign.

The Kinect is to go on sale in Europe on November 20 and in Japan on November 20. □



FILE - In this Feb. 2, 2009 file photo, a Time Warner Cable truck is parked in New York. Time Warner Cable Inc., the country's second-largest cable company said Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, it lost more video subscribers in the latest quarter than it ever has before,

By PETER SVENSSON,  
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Cable companies have been losing TV subscribers at an ever faster rate in the last few months, and satellite TV isn't picking up the slack.

That could be a sign that Internet TV services such as Netflix and Hulu are finally starting to entice people to cancel cable, though company executives are pointing to the weak economy and housing market for now.

Third-quarter results reported Thursday by major cable TV companies show major losses, but don't settle the question of

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, file)

what's causing them.

If "cord-cutting" in favor of Internet video is finally taking hold, that has wide-ranging implications. Consumers who use the Internet to get their movies and TV shows bypass not just the cable companies, but the cable networks that produce the content. The move could have the same disruptive effect on the TV and movie industries as digital downloads have already had on music.

A few weeks ago, the CEO of phone company Verizon Communications Inc. likened cord-cutting to what started happening to the local-phone

## Cable subscribers flee, but is Internet to blame?

companies five or six years ago, when people started giving up their landlines in favor of relying solely on their cell phones.

"The first thing when that happens is you deny it," Ivan Seidenberg said. "I know the drill. I have been there."

On Thursday, Time Warner Cable Inc.'s chief operating officer, Landel Hobbs, said the company doesn't see evidence of people dropping cable in favor of the Internet. He said the biggest subscriber losses have been among people who don't have cable broadband services; high-speed Internet — from cable or a competitor — is key to watching video online. These people seem to be going to satellite or giving up on pay TV entirely.

On the theory that college students might be among the first to drop cable TV, the company looked at changes in subscriber figures in college towns such as Austin, Texas, and Columbus, Ohio. They weren't out of line with previous years, and they corresponded to the level of student enrollment, he said.

"We'll continue to monitor cord-cutting, but haven't found evidence where you

might expect to see it," Hobbs told analysts on a conference call.

Time Warner Cable lost 155,000 video subscribers in the July-September quarter, compared with 64,000 a year ago.

The only larger cable company, Comcast Corp., reported last week that its subscriber loss more than doubled in the third quarter, to 275,000. Comcast said many of those leaving had taken advantage of low introductory rates that the company offered last year when the analog TV broadcast network as shut down.

All together, seven of the country's nine largest pay-TV companies, representing about 75 percent of the subscriber total, had reported their results for the third quarter by Thursday.

They showed a combined gain of 55,700 video subscribers, or a 0.3 percent increase at an annualized rate, far smaller than the growth of the population. In the third quarter of last year, they gained 405,800 subscribers.

(Missing from the top nine: the third-largest cable company, Cox Communications, which is privately held and doesn't

report subscriber counts publicly; and the second-largest satellite TV company, Dish Network Corp., which reports results Friday.)

Cable companies have been losing video subscribers for some time, but they have been compensating by upgrading basic subscribers to more expensive digital tiers, as well as adding broadband and phone subscribers.

However, both Time Warner Cable and Cablevision Systems Corp. lost digital video subscribers in the third quarter. Both added record-low number of phone subscribers, as years of growth are coming to an end.

Meanwhile, Netflix Inc.'s streaming service has become so popular that it is now the largest source of U.S. Internet traffic during peak evening hours, according to Sandvine Inc., a Canadian company that supplies traffic-management equipment to Internet service providers.

A variety of gadgets can send Netflix's streams to the living room TV, including game consoles and the \$99 Apple TV box. Many high-end TVs now come with the built-in ability to play Internet content. □



# 'Bachelorette' contestant found dead in California



**FILE** - In this May 22, 2010 file photo, Julien Hug, a former contestant on the ABC series 'The Bachelorette' is shown at a Habitat for Humanity event in Pacoima, Ca. KGTV in San Diego says 35-year-old Julien Hug's father Bertrand Hug confirmed Julien's body was found Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, in the remote Pinyon Pines area about 90 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

(AP Photo/Tammie Arroyo, file)

PALM DESERT, Calif. — The body of a contestant on "The Bachelorette" reality TV show was found along a scenic Southern California highway two days after his family lost contact with him, a family spokeswoman said Thursday.

Julien Hug's body was found Wednesday, said Audrey Doherty, a family publicist.

Authorities wouldn't say whether they suspect foul play.

Hug had been on his way to help manage his family's newest restaurant, Augusta Modern, in Palm Desert when his cell phone ran out of power, Doherty said. No one had heard from him since, she said.

"They're just heartbroken about it, but they're hoping to mourn privately," Doherty said. "It's pretty

devastating."

Riverside County Sheriff's Sgt. Joe Borja said a body was found in the remote Pinyon Pines area off Highway 74 in Riverside County, about 90 miles east of Los Angeles. Authorities refused to confirm the identity, and coroner's officials declined to comment. The Palm Desert restaurant had a soft opening a few weeks ago and Hug commuted from his home in San Diego, Doherty said. People who answered the phones at two Hug family restaurants declined to comment and referred calls to Doherty.

Hug was a contestant in May 2009 on "The Bachelorette," a spinoff of ABC's competitive dating show, "The Bachelor." Jillian Harris passed him

over for Ed Swiderski.

The Hug family owns two of the San Diego area's best-known and priciest restaurants: Bertrand at Mr. A's in San Diego, and Mille Fleurs, which serves French cuisine in the ultra-wealthy suburb of Rancho Santa Fe. A restaurant website says Julien Hug is the host at Mille Fleurs.

Hug was an avid skydiver who liked ocean swimming and scuba diving.

The San Diego Union-Tribune wrote in 2004 that Julien was following in the footsteps of his father, who was born in France and got his start in the San Diego restaurant business in the early 1970s.

"As host-night manager at Mille Fleurs, Julien now fills the role his father played for almost 20 years,"

the newspaper reported. "Tall, slim, stylishly dressed and handsome enough to land on a GQ cover in his spare time, Julien adeptly continues the legacy of hospitality that has won Mille Fleurs its loyal clientele."

A fellow contestant on "The Bachelorette," David Good, expressed his condolences in a statement Thursday.

"My thoughts and prayers go out to Julien's family. I speak on behalf on myself and the entire group from our season of the Bachelorette that he was a great stand-up guy," he said. "Julien was always the first to offer to cook in the house and the one to offer up one of his 'funny' jokes that were entirely too long but hilarious nonetheless. He will truly be missed." □



**In this Jan. 30, 2009 file photo, Rapper Lil Wayne arrives on the red carpet for a party in Tampa, Fla. Lil Wayne is in jail, but his public persona is still active.**

(AP Photo/Steve Nesius, file)

**By JENNIFER PELTZ,**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lil Wayne was freed from jail Thursday after serving eight months in a gun case, emerging with a hot new album, well-wishes from a former president and a deepened appreciation for his fans.

"Welcome home, Weezy!" the rap star's Facebook page proclaimed, using one of his nicknames, after his morning release from the Rikers Island jail complex. He was freed at a location jail officials and his lawyer wouldn't disclose.

His managers have said he planned to head for his home in Miami, where they're planning a welcome-

## Lil Wayne emerges from NYC jail after 8 months

home party Sunday.

"I was never scared, worried nor bothered by the situation" behind bars, Lil Wayne said Tuesday through Weezythanxyou.com, a website he set up to give fans a glimpse of his life in jail.

Lil Wayne, who had the best-selling album of 2008 and won a best rap album Grammy with "Tha Carter III," kept his career in high gear while locked up for having a loaded gun on his tour bus in 2007.

His latest album, "I Am Not a Human Being" — released while he was in solitary confinement in September — hit No. 1 on the Billboard 200 chart last month. He also was featured on a string of hits by other artists, including Drake and Eminem, that came out while he was incarcerated — and he recorded a verse for the Drake/Jay-Z collaboration "Light Up" over on the phone for a "Rikers Remix" that made the rounds online.

President Barack Obama recently told Rolling Stone he has some Lil Wayne music on his iPod. And former President Bill Clinton praised the rapper's abilities during a phone interview with a Pittsburgh radio station Tuesday, adding that "what I hope will happen is that he has a good life now."

Lil Wayne, born Dwayne Carter Jr., pleaded guilty in October 2009 to attempted weapon possession, admitting he'd had a loaded, semiautomatic .40-caliber gun on his bus after a Manhattan concert. He started a yearlong sentence in March but got time off for good behavior, despite a disciplinary knock that sent him to solitary for the last month of his term. A charger and headphones for a digital music player were found in his cell in May, jail officials said. The items are considered contraband.

The rapper later acknowledged the misstep on his Weezythanxyou site, where his associates typed up and posted periodic letters he wrote on topics ranging from his daily Rikers routine to new songs

he'd heard and liked on the radio.

He also provided specific, individual responses to some of the fan mail that flooded his cell and became, he said, a source of cheer behind bars.

"I laughed with some of you, reasoned with some of you, and even cried with some of you," he wrote in a letter posted Tuesday. "I never imagined how much impact my words and life can have."

But he assured fans the impact hasn't completely changed an artist known for ingenious work that sometimes borders on weird: "I will be the same Martian I was when I left, just better."

A few die-hard fans huddled in the pre-dawn rain Thursday outside the Rikers complex, hoping to get a glimpse of him.

Anthony Smith, 19, had driven there from Woodbury, N.Y., about 55 miles north of the city.

"I feel that his words mean something. ... He just has a gift," Smith said. He had left Woodbury around 1 a.m. — after finishing a night shift at his retail job — with his twin sister, Jess, and a couple of friends. "I don't do this for just anyone," Jess Smith said.

A rapper since his childhood, New Orleans-born Lil Wayne released his first solo album, "Tha Block Is Hot," in 1999. His hits include "Got Money," "Lollipop," and "A Milli."

Lil Wayne, who turned 28 in jail, envisions recording new music and releasing a long-rumored "Tha Carter IV" next year, and he may also make a book out of a journal he kept in jail, according to his managers and associates.

But his priorities at the moment are spending time with his family — he has four children — and the Cash Money Records labelmates to whom he often refers as family, too.

"Family first ... then back to business," Cash Money co-founder Bryan "Birdman" Williams said in an interview last week.



# BUSINESS

## Aruba TODAY

# Stocks surge a day after Fed reveals stimulus plan

By DAVID K. RANDALL,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks rose sharply Thursday, one day after the Federal Reserve announced a \$600 billion plan to stimulate the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 178.50, or 1.6 percent, to 11,391.59 in afternoon trading, a day after closing at its highest level since September 2008.

The dollar fell against other currencies as traders anticipated lower U.S. interest rates because of the Fed's massive bond-buying program announced Wednesday.

Commodities prices including crude oil rose.

Retailers reported solid sales in October, sending shares of major retailing companies sharply higher. Gap Inc. rose 6.7 percent while Macy's Inc. jumped 6.4 percent.

"Those retail numbers are telling us that the holiday season is going to get off to a good start," said Stephen Jones, the chairman of Jones Vialta Funds.

The Standard and Poor's

500 index rose 17.62, or 1.5 percent, to 1,215.58, coming within two points of its highest closing level of the year. The technology-focused Nasdaq composite index rose 29.53, or 1.2 percent, to 2,569.80.

On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve announced it plans to buy \$600 billion in bonds in an effort to spur consumer spending and investments in stocks. The central bank was unusually detailed in its announcement, telling investors that it planned to spend \$75 billion a month on bonds until at least the middle of next year.

"Much of today's gains comes as a result of the government pumping money into the market," said Joe Kinahan, the chief derivatives strategist at TD Ameritrade. The Standard and Poor's index breaking past the psychologically important 1,200 mark may have also brought on another round of buying, he said.

The Fed's announcement is helping to boost share prices overseas as well. The Stoxx 50 index, which tracks blue

chip companies in Europe, is up more than 1.7 percent.

In corporate news, shares of BHP Billiton, the world's largest mining company, up 5.1 percent after the Canadian government rejected its \$38.6 billion bid to buy Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan. Kraft Foods Inc., Starbucks Corp. and CBS Corp. will announce earnings after the market close.

Shares on the Shanghai Composite index, the most-followed measure of China's stock market, are up 1.8 percent.

The Fed's plan will increase the supply of dollars and most likely push the value of the currency down. The dollar is at its lowest level since December 2009 against a broad basket of currencies, and was down 1 percent against that index Thursday. Energy prices jumped, sending oil up \$1.34 to \$86.03.

Finance ministers in emerging economies like China and Brazil have criticized the Fed's stimulus plan and said that the added supply of investment dollars could lead to asset



In this Nov. 3, 2010 photograph, trader Fred Demarco works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

bubbles in their countries. Treasury prices rose sharply following the Fed's announcement of its bond-buying program. The yield

on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 2.48 percent from 2.57 percent the day before. □



FILE - In this March 5, 2009 file photo, job seekers join a line of hundreds of people at a job fair sponsored by Monster.com, in New York. The Labor Department said Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, the number of people seeking jobless benefits jumped sharply last week, after two straight weeks of declines.

By CHRISTOPHER S.  
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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The number of people seeking jobless benefits jumped

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan, file) sharply last week, after two straight weeks of declines.

The increase undermines hopes that unemployment claims, after falling four times in the previous five

weeks, were on a sustained downward trend. That would signal layoffs were slowing and hiring was picking up. Instead, claims remain stuck at an elevated level.

The report comes a day before the Labor Department is scheduled to release the jobs figures for October. With claims dropping only modestly over the past month, economists aren't expecting much progress. They forecast that the jobs report will show employers added a net total of 60,000 jobs last month, while the unemployment rate remained 9.6 percent for the third straight month.

A gain of 60,000 jobs is far below the 200,000 jobs a month needed to keep up with

population growth and to help get some of the 15 million unemployed back to work.

"Those looking for an imminent spurt of job creation are ... likely to be disappointed," said Dan Greenhaus, chief economic strategist at Miller Tabak, in a note to clients.

The Labor Department said Thursday that initial claims for unemployment aid rose by 20,000 to a seasonally adjusted 457,000 for the week ending Oct. 30.

Claims have fluctuated around the 450,000 level all year. They will need to drop below 425,000 to signal sustained job gains.

The weekly applications for unemployment benefits are

volatile, but are considered a real-time snapshot of the job market. They reflect the pace of layoffs and indicate whether companies are hiring. High unemployment and the sluggish pace of hiring is a major reason the Federal Reserve announced Wednesday that it will buy \$600 billion in Treasury bonds in an effort to lower interest rates on mortgages and other loans. The central bank hopes the lower rates will spur more borrowing and spending, boosting the economy and leading to more hiring.

"Unfortunately, the job market remains quite weak," Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke wrote in a commentary Thursday in the Washington Post. □



# HEALTH

## Aruba TODAY

# Multivitamins don't reduce diabetes risk

By Rachael Myers

NEW YORK — Vitamins and supplements are big business in the US. Half of Americans routinely take them to the tune of about \$23 billion dollars every year.

Yet the science demonstrating health benefits to support such widespread use is often contradictory or lacking. In the case of a large NIH-backed study published in the journal *Diabetes Care*, the science shows little benefit, at least in reducing an adult's risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

An international group of researchers from the US and China were interested in exploring the potential benefits of regular vitamin and supplement use in reducing a person's likelihood of developing diabetes.

Existing research had suggested that some of the same biological mechanisms involved in developing both heart disease and diabetes might be offset by

antioxidant vitamins and minerals.

To see whether vitamins could protect against type 2 diabetes, researchers from the National Institutes of Health, AARP, Harvard Medical School and the Chinese Academy of Medical Science analyzed health data from 232,007 participants in the NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study, gathered in 1995-1996 and followed up in 2000.

This large group of older Americans, ranging from 50 to 71 years old and all diabetes-free at the start of the study, answered questions about regular vitamin and supplement use, general health, weight, race, age, gender, education, marital status and lifestyle habits such as exercise, diet, and smoking.

More than half of the participants said they took multivitamins and/or supplements routinely and most of those routine users took them daily.

By the end of the study period in 2000, 14,130 cases of diabetes had been diagnosed among the

participants.

After taking traditional diabetes risk factors into account, the lead researcher, Dr. Yiqing Song of Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston and his colleagues compared the vitamin users and non-users and concluded that taking multivitamins neither increased nor reduced "future diabetes risk." Of note, however, was the finding that users of either vitamin C or calcium had a lower risk of diabetes than non-users, they wrote.

"This result was surprising," Dr. Song told Reuters Health.

"The evidence suggests a benefit but the evidence is marginal" and a more powerful clinical trial is needed to confirm what can only be a suggestion from this observational study, he said.

"There's a possibility that (calcium or vitamin C) might protect, but we don't know for sure, we need more data," he said. □

# Study: CT scans modestly cut lung cancer deaths

By LAURAN NEERGAARD,  
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Screening heavy smokers with a special type of CT scan modestly reduces lung cancer deaths, the National Cancer Institute announced Thursday — the first clear evidence that a screening test may help fight the nation's top cancer killer. At issue are controversial spiral CT scans, where a rotating scanner views the lungs at various angles to spot growths when they're about half the size that a standard chest X-ray can detect.

X-ray screening hasn't proved powerful enough to reduce lung cancer deaths. Some previous studies had suggested that CTs might go that next step, even as other research questioned whether they'd do more harm than good by spotting too many benign growths.

The massive National Lung Screening Trial enrolled 53,000 current or former heavy smokers with no initial symptoms of cancer to try to

settle the debate. It found 20 percent fewer deaths from lung cancer among those screened with spiral CTs than among those given chest X-rays, the NCI said Thursday, a difference significant enough that it ended the study early. The difference was fairly modest — 354 died in the spiral CT group over the eight-year study period compared with 442 deaths among those who got chest X-rays.

Still, "this finding has important implications for public health, with the potential to save many lives among those at greatest risk for lung cancer," said NCI Director Dr. Harold Varmus. But stopping smoking remains the best protection, he stressed.

And don't race out for a scan just yet. They aren't risk-free — giving lots of false alarms that trigger unnecessary repeat tests and even surgery — and doctors don't yet know who would be the best candidates or how often the scans should be repeated.

"We want to make sure what we recommend is appropriate rather than everybody going out and asking for it," said Dr. Edward F. Patz Jr. of Duke University, who was on the committee that helped design and oversee the study. "This raises a lot of issues and we need to look at the data carefully to give people advice." "Clearly it saves lives," added Dr. Stephen Swensen of the Mayo Clinic, among the 33 sites that conducted the massive study.

But, because it carries the burden of unnecessary tests and treatment, "society has to figure out if we can afford this." The NCI will analyze and publish additional data from the study in the next few months so that expert groups can begin making recommendations for screening. About 200,000 new lung cancers are diagnosed in the U.S. each year, and the disease kills about 159,000 people annually. It is most often diagnosed at advanced stages, and the average five-



A basketball player from the team Electra Ramat Hasharon dribbles a pink basketball during a pink themed game against team Elizur Netanya in order to promote breast cancer awareness in the city of Ramat Hasharon, near Tel Aviv, Israel, Monday, Nov. 1, 2010. The game came a week after Israel's first-ever race and related events to support breast cancer awareness and research.

(AP Photo/Tara Todras-Whitehill)

year survival rate is just 15 percent.

Many smokers already had sought out spiral CTs, even though the American Cancer Society hasn't recommended the test — citing a lack of clear evidence that they work — and most insurance doesn't cover the \$300 to \$400 cost. The latest trial enrolled people ages 55 to 74 who are or had been very heavy smokers, puffing the equivalent of a pack a day for 30 years. They had one scan a year — either spiral CT or a standard chest

X-ray — for three years, and then had their health tracked. NCI's Varmus stressed that the study provided no data on whether screening helped lighter or younger smokers. There were risks. The CTs frequently mistake scar tissue from an old infection or some other benign lump for cancer. That triggers additional radiation-emitting testing or unnecessary biopsies or chest surgeries, which themselves can cause infection, a collapsed lung or other problems. □



# Obama Failed To Communicate?

L. Brent Bozell

In one of his latest attempts to get his face on every television network in America before the election, President Obama appeared on "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart to plead his case to the hip, young, leftist voters who love that show. Obama claimed he had done so much, "We have done things that some folks don't even know about!"

In a more serious interview, Obama told the Los Angeles Times the economic mess he "inherited" required him to take so many rapid actions that he could not "communicate effectively to the public in any coherent way."

This has to be the most ridiculous spin to emerge to explain the "Why Republicans Massacred Us" question: Obama somehow failed to communicate his "accomplishments." This man has been everywhere from MTV to CNBC to Univision to the entire NBC-Universal slate of channels selling his policies. And when he's not there, the reporters do his bidding regardless. How can a man who was sold to us as an absolutely magic combination of Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt now suggest he was made "incoherent" by the economy?

First of all, in almost everything Obama did, the "inherited" economy always seemed like a lesser priority to other mountains he wanted to climb. That disinterest (also the disinterest in Afghanistan) was telling. But more importantly, perhaps no president in modern times has been granted more forums with more ring-kissing interviewers to explain himself. These people in no way ruined the effectiveness

of his communications by asking hardball questions.

The only way Obama's coherence would have been compromised would have been by the viewer being too distracted by the obsequiousness of the interviewer — from CNBC's John Harwood marveling at Obama's talent at fly-swatting to an awestruck Katie Couric asking, "You're so confident, Mr. President, and so focused. Is your confidence ever shaken?" There is another ridiculous narrative that might compete: Try Gov. Ed Rendell's claim that "I think expectations were unreasonably high for Barack Obama." But these are the expectations Obama set for himself. His own administration's economists issued a report insisting that without lavishing almost \$900 billion on "stimulus," unemployment would rise above 9 percent in 2010. They also proclaimed that if Congress did Obama's will, unemployment would remain under 8 percent.

Oops. Reality is harsh. Now the media are building an entirely different expectation: High unemployment is the "new normal," and everyone should just accept it.

But if there were unreasonably high expectations for Obama, who set them most aggressively if not the fawning media that wanted him inaugurated by Thanksgiving 2008 because he could leap buildings in a single bound? Obama loved it. There was no humility, and certainly no effort to convince his media friends not to build those lofty expectations on cable news conclaves and the covers of the news magazines. He accepted the adoration from every fawning journalist that bowed before him.

Compare the effectiveness of Obama's communications, aided and abetted by the "news" media, to the effectiveness of Obama's toughest adversaries in the tea party movement. How could the tea party message succeed with the people if the effectiveness of their communications was pounded with mud and slime at every step? The media hammered continuously, like a negative commercial that won't go away, declaring the tea party was racist, ignorant and believers in every conspiracy theory that disparaged Obama's uniquely exotic and cosmopolitan appeal.

And yet, those homophobic racist rednecks utterly upended the Obama agenda, with all the so-called "objective" media's hostile hot air blowing in their face.

All of this underlines the narrative that had unfolded before the Obama phenomenon came along: the decline of the Old Media's stranglehold on the national conversation and the ascent of a New Media putting out stories and investigations that the Old Media refused to cover. Obama's communications were not compromised by the networks jumping on the frauds of ACORN, or the science-twisting scandal of "Climategate," or "stimulus" dollars being sent to 72,000 dead people. Those stories were ignored. If it threatened to throw a wrench into Obama's juggernaut, the Old Media weren't interested.

All Obama and his servile media can do now to save their leftist agenda is try to keep painting their Republican and tea party opponents as racist troglodytes who want to reinstall the Great Depression. Will it work any better in 2011 than it did in 2010?

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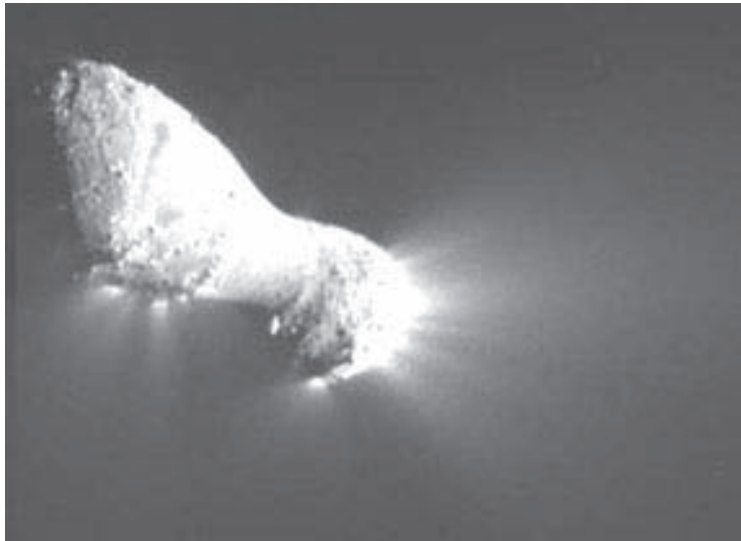
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# NASA Deep Impact spacecraft visits another comet



This black-and-white image of the comet Hartley 2 provided by NASA was sent from the NASA EPOXI Mission Deep Impact spacecraft, which passed within 435 miles (700 kilometers) of the comet at its closest point, and was received at Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010. The comet is estimated to be 1.4 miles (2.2 kilometers) long, and weigh about 280 million metric tons.

(AP Photo NASA/JPL-Caltech/University of Maryland)

By ALICIA CHANG,  
AP Science Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — A NASA spacecraft survived a rendezvous with a small comet Thursday, beaming pictures back to Earth that gave scientists a rare close-up view of its center.

Mission controllers burst into applause upon seeing images from the flyby that revealed a peanut-shaped comet belching jets of poisonous gases.

“It’s hyperactive, small and feisty,” said mission scientist Don Yeomans of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The close encounter occurred 13 million miles away from Earth when the Deep Impact craft, hurtling through space, flew within 435 miles of comet Hartley 2. It’s the fifth

time that a comet’s core has been viewed up close.

Scientists are interested in comets because they’re icy leftovers from the formation of the solar system about 4.5 billion years ago. Studying them could provide clues to how Earth and the planets formed and evolved.

The flyby is actually an encore mission for Deep Impact. It set off cosmic fireworks on July 4, 2005, when it fired a copper probe that crashed into comet Tempel 1. The high-speed collision spewed a cloud of debris into space, giving scientists their first peek of the interior.

After the \$333 million comet-buster, NASA recycled Deep Impact for a new mission to visit another comet. It was

supposed to target comet Boethin in 2008, but it was nowhere to be found. Scientists theorized the comet may have broken up into small pieces.

Deep Impact was then redirected to Hartley 2. Roughly 1 1/2 miles wide, Hartley 2 is the smallest comet to be photographed up close. On its way there, the craft spent several months scanning a cluster of nearby stars with known planets circling them.

While its latest task lacks the Hollywood drama of the Tempel 1 crash, researchers still consider it an important mission. Unlike in 2005, viewers could not see Thursday’s comet encounter in real time since the craft’s

antenna was not pointed at Earth as it flew past Hartley 2.

“There are a lot of open questions about comets and their life cycle,” said project manager Tim Larson of JPL, which manages the \$42 million encore mission. “We have so little data that every time we have an opportunity to go near a comet, it’s a chance to expand our knowledge.”

Since September, Deep Impact has been stalking Hartley 2 like a paparazzo, taking images every 5 minutes and gathering data. It’s the first craft to visit two comets.

The flyby images add to scientists’ cometary photo album, said astronomer David Jewitt of the University of California, Los Angeles, who

had no role in the project.

“We’re visual animals and nothing seems wholly real to us until we have a nice picture of it,” Jewitt said.

Hartley 2 passed within 11 million miles of Earth on Oct. 20 — the closest it has been to our planet since its discovery in 1986.

British-born astronomer Malcolm Hartley, who discovered the comet, said he never imagined a spacecraft would get so close to his namesake find.

“When I saw the comet, it was millions and millions of kilometers away,” he said. “I’m extremely excited and feel very privileged. After all, I only discovered it.” □

## More Disaster for Haiti: With Tomas, Landslide Danger Looms

Andrea Mustain

Tropical Storm Tomas is heading toward Haiti, and forecasters are predicting heavy rains for the earthquake-ravaged island nation. The heavy rainfall could trigger dangerous landslides in a country still reeling from a string of disasters. “Haiti has a really serious history of big landslides, almost all of them caused by tropical storm or hurricane rainfall,” said geologist David Petley, the Wilson Professor of Hazard and Risk at Durham University in England. Petley said the 7.0-magnitude earthquake

that struck the impoverished nation in January has only increased the risk of landslides in a country where such disasters have killed thousands in the past. The earthquake itself triggered landslides that generated small, local tsunamis. The violent shaking of the ground during an earthquake loosens the soil, Petley told OurAmazingPlanet, so the first intense rainfall can, in turn, weaken the soil further, until the ground finally succumbs to the pull of gravity, sending massive flows of debris roaring down hillsides and slopes.

The latest update from the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami, Fla., places Tomas on a path just to Haiti’s west, but even though the center of the storm may not pass over the country, the weather is likely to turn ugly.

“Haiti will certainly be impacted by torrential rains, particularly in the mountainous areas,” said NHC spokesman Dennis Feltgen. “Most of the rain will likely occur tonight and into tomorrow morning,” he said. Tomas is forecasted to strengthen, Feltgen said, and could become a Category 1 hurricane by Friday (Nov. 5) morning. The timing could not be worse for the more than one million Haitians left homeless by the January earthquake and still living in temporary dwellings.

Petley said that landslides typically occur during the most intense rainfall of a storm. In addition, the noisy, chaotic conditions produced by tropical storms make it more difficult to know when a landslide is coming, because they camouflage the roar of an approaching wall of mud and rock. “At night it’s even harder,” Petley said, “so whether the storm hits in the day or at night makes a big difference for the final outcome.” □

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Haití:

# Evacuan a damnificados ante llegada de tormenta Tomás

PUERTO PRINCIPE (AP)

- Haití exhortó a cientos de miles de sobrevivientes del terremoto el jueves a que huyan de los campamentos precarios en busca de refugios más sólidos, a medida que la tormenta tropical Tomás se acercaba con lluvias y posibles inundaciones. Muchos optaron por quedarse, fuese para proteger sus escasas pertenencias o por falta de otro lugar donde ir.

Según los pronósticos, la tormenta rozaría las provincias orientales de Jamaica y recuperaría la fuerza de huracán antes de pasar cerca de la costa occidental de Haití el viernes con lluvias intensas, según el Centro Nacional de Huracanes en Miami.

El gobierno haitiano exhortó a evacuar los campamentos de emergencia instalados tras el terremoto del 12 de enero.

Los sobrevivientes del devastador terremoto han enfrentado desalojos forzados y tormentas, han organizado comités de seguridad y se han manifestado para pedir mejores servicios y ayuda. Ahora les dicen que se vayan, pero pocos tienen a dónde ir.

El gobierno afirma que hay más de 1.000 refugios disponibles, pero eso puede ser una referencia a cualquier edificio capaz de resistir fuertes vientos. La Oficina para la Coordinación de Asuntos Humanitarios de la ONU dijo que es necesario identificar la infraestructura pública segura para su uso como refugio.

Funcionarios de emergencias han extendido una alerta roja a todas las regiones del país, ya que



Un haitiano explica a refugiados la necesidad de evacuar el campo de refugiados Corail antes de la llegada de la tormenta tropical Tomás a Haití el 3 de noviembre de 2010. (Foto AP/Ramon Espinosa)

se espera que la tormenta entre por la costa oeste de la isla de La Española, la cual comparten Haití y República Dominicana.

El Centro Nacional de Huracanes, con sede en Miami, emitió una alerta de huracán para Haití, el sureste de Bahamas y las islas Turcas y Caicos. Una alerta por tormenta tropical se emitió para Jamaica, así como avisos para la costa sur de República Dominicana y el este de Cuba.

República Dominicana decretó el jueves alerta en 24 de las 32 provincias debido a las fuertes lluvias asociadas a la tormenta Tomás, que han provocado inundaciones en varias zonas urbanas.

El Centro de Operaciones de Emergencias ordenó la evacuación de los habitantes de zonas vulnerables en seis provincias cercanas a la frontera con Haití, donde se espera que Tomás genere las mayores precipitaciones. También prohibió todas

las actividades recreativas del país debido a los fuertes acuáticas en la costa sur oleajes provocados por

Tomás. Los organismos de socorro no habían reportado, hasta el mediodía del jueves, ningún daño material o víctimas vinculadas a las lluvias.

La mañana del jueves, la tormenta se encontraba a unos 490 kilómetros (305 millas) al suroeste de Puerto Príncipe, Haití, y a unos 240 kilómetros (150 millas) al sur-sureste de Kingston, Jamaica. Tomás avanza en dirección nor-noroeste a casi 10 kph (seis millas por hora) con vientos máximos sostenidos de 85 kph (50 mph). El ejército jamaquino evacuaría el jueves a cientos de personas de la región este de la isla y los llevaría a refugios antes de la tormenta, dijo el ministro de Información Daryl Vaz. □

## Costa Rica:

### Lluvia atrasa rescate víctimas de deslave

SAN ANTONIO DE ESCAZU, Costa Rica (AP) - La reanudación de las lluvias obligó el jueves a los rescatistas a suspender la remoción de escombros, lodo y piedras en busca de víctimas de una correntada que arrasó con un poblado cerca de la capital costarricense, de donde habían ya rescatado 20 muertos.

De acuerdo con recuento inicial, las autoridades creen que haya 10 personas más desaparecidas por el desastre en Calle Lajas de San Antonio de Escazú, a unos 10 kilómetros al oeste del centro de San José, indicó la vocera de la Cruz Roja Noemy Coto. La mandataria Laura Chinchilla ofreció en la Comisión Nacional de Emergencias (CNE) el más reciente reporte de víctimas, entre las que había cuatro menores de edad, y solicitó a los vecinos y familiares no arriesgar sus vidas al insistir en participar en las labores de rescate que eran encaminadas por profesionales.

Pero las persistentes lluvias que desde el martes azotan a Costa Rica han causado afectaciones en otras localidades, como en San Marco Tarrazú, a unos 35 kilómetros al sur de San José, un derrumbe sepultó una casa y había tres personas desaparecidas;

un río crecido arrastró a dos personas más en la zona de Jacó, en el litoral Pacífico. En el sur de la capital, varias viviendas fueron destruidas por una correntada.

En Parrita, a unos 60 kilómetros al sur de la capital y también en el litoral Pacífico, unas 200 casas estaban inundadas y la región incomunicada porque el puente que la conecta había sido destruido por la corriente, según testimonios de vecinos a la prensa local.

“Lo más importante es atender el rescate sobre todo en Escazú y generar las líneas de abastecimiento para zonas aisladas en el Pacífico Central”, dijo Chinchilla, quien aseguró que las autoridades cuentan con al menos 7.000 millones de colones para atender las emergencias (unos 14 millones de dólares).

La presidenta de la CNE Vanessa Rosales dijo que 1.500 personas están en albergues porque corrían peligro en sus hogares. Las autoridades decidieron declarar alerta roja, que es la de nivel más alto, porque permite movilizar recursos económicos y humanos todas las instituciones de socorro, entre otras medidas. □



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